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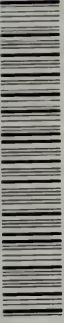
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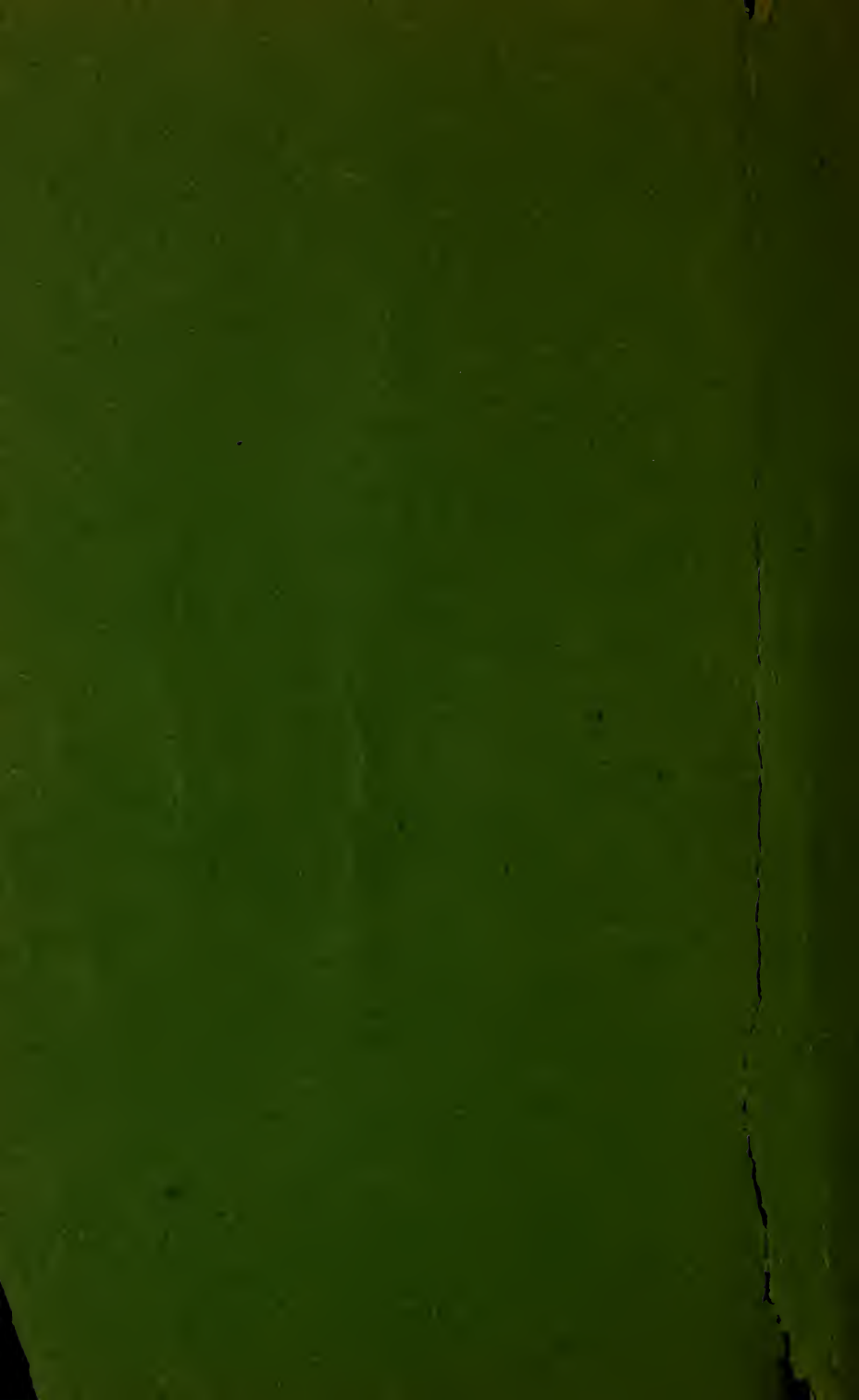
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Report of the Town Clerk

At the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Norwell held March 4, 1907, the following action was taken on the articles contained in the warrant :

Article 1. Chose Alpheus Thomas moderator.

Article 2. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Tax Collector, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, five Constables, three Highway Surveyors and Tree Warden, all for one year. One member of Board of Health and one member of School Committee for three years, and to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town for the ensuing year?" All on one ballott. Polls open from 7.15 to 11.15 A. M.

John Whalen, L. Frank Hammond, Charles Scully, Edward W. Gardner and Clifton S. Deane, being appointed election officers were sworn as such by the clerk. The ballots and everything belonging to the election were delivered to the moderator and the polls were declared open at 7.19 A. M. and were closed at 11.21 A. M.

The number of names checked on the voting lists and the number of ballots cast were 204.

On being canvassed and counted in open meeting the following officers were found to be elected :

Town Clerk, Joseph F. Merritt.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, Alpheus Thomas, Ezra E. Stetson, Ernest H. Sparrell.

Treasurer, Horace T. Fogg.

Auditor, Frank W. Jones.

Tax Collector, Andrew J. Litchfield.

School Committee for three years, Benjamin Loring.

Board of Health for three years, Harry J. Little.

Highway Surveyors, Emanuel P. Joseph, Francis E. Henderson, Joseph Briggs.

Constables, Clarence E. Barnard, Joshua W. Foster, Walter T. Osborn, William E. Wilder and L. Frank Hammond.

Tree Warden, John H. Sparrell.

The vote on license was: "Yes," 50. "No," 123. Blanks, 31.

Article 3. What amount of money will the town raise for the support of poor and incidental expenses?

Voted to appropriate \$2,000 for the support of poor.

Voted to appropriate \$400 for incidentals.

Article 4. What sum of money will the town raise for the support of schools?

Voted to appropriate \$6,475 for support of schools to include salary of superintendent of schools.

Article 5. What sum of money will the town raise for highway repairs?

Voted to appropriate \$2,500 for highway repairs.

Article 6. What compensation will the town make for removing snow and appropriate money for the same?

Voted to appropriate \$250 for removing snow.

Voted to appropriate money received from street railway excise tax for snow.

Voted to pay 25 cents per hour for this work.

Article 7. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected the ensuing year?

Voted that a discount of two per cent. be allowed on taxes paid on or before October 1st; that on all taxes not paid

December 1st, interest be charged at the rate of six per cent. ; after April 1, 1908, the collector shall issue summons and proceed to collect all unpaid taxes, and that the money shall be paid to the treasurer or a deposit made by the collector for all unpaid taxes on or before July 1, 1908.

Voted that the collector have the same powers in the collection of taxes that he would have if he were also town treasurer.

Voted that the salary of the collector be \$225.

Voted that the collector publish in the next annual report the names of all persons together with the amount of tax, for whom he has to make a deposit with the treasurer July 1, 1907, covering the assessment of 1906.

Article 8. Will the town accept the list of jurors prepared by the selectmen?

J. H. Lehan, John H. Prouty and Herbert S. Turner, a committee appointed by the moderator to revise the jury list, reported the following names and their report was accepted:

LIST OF JURORS.

James L. Litchfield
L. Frank Hammond
Arthur C. Jones
Lebbeus Leach
George H. Tisdale
Benjamin P. Nichols
Harrison Wilder
Clifton S. Deane
Robert C. Henderson
James E. Stoddard
Alpheus Thomas
John Whalen
Joseph Briggs

Charles Tolman
Harold E. Stetson
Walter T. Osborne
Asa W. Robinson
Amos H. Tilden
Arnold Beach
Herbert S. Turner
Henry F. Ford
Charles D. Barnard
Carlton O. Litchfield
John H. Prouty
Willard Torrey
Joseph D. Stoddard

Article 9. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes?

It was voted by a majority of the legal voters present and voting, that the treasurer be and hereby is authorized, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow during the present municipal year, in anticipation of the collection of taxes, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the town therefor, payable within twelve months from the date thereof. All debts incurred under the authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Article 10. To hear and act on the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

The committee chosen to look into the matter of fire protection recommended the purchase of two dozen chemical fire extinguishers.

Voted, that the selectmen be authorized to purchase them and that they be placed in different parts of the town; also that an appropriation of \$300 be made for this purpose.

The Town Clerk reported he had not secured any satisfactory designs for a new seal and it was voted that he be allowed more time and report at a future meeting.

Voted to accept the reports of the town officers as printed.

Article 11. To make allowance to town creditors.

No bills were presented at this time.

Article 12. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial day?

Voted to appropriate \$100 for this purpose.

Article 13. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the payment of state and military aid?

Voted to appropriate \$2,600 for state and military aid.

Article 14. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the superintendent of schools?

No action was taken on this article as it was included in the general school appropriation.

Article 15. What sum of money will the town raise for the repairs of schoolhouses and incidentals?

No action taken as general school appropriations covers repairs and incidentals.

Article 16. Will the town cause a statement of their affairs to be printed in February next?

Voted that a statement be printed at that time.

Article 17. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the cemetery on Washington street?

Voted to appropriate \$75 to be used in caring for cemetery and grading around receiving tomb.

Article 18. Will the town cause a new valuation to be taken in 1907.

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 19. What price will the town pay for labor on the highways for the ensuing year?

Voted to pay 20 cents per hour for labor and to pay the highway surveyors \$2.50 per day.

Article 20. Will the town raise and appropriate \$167.46 for the suppression of the gypsy and browntail moths?

Voted to appropriate \$175 for this purpose.

Article 21. Will the town appropriate a sum of money for the employment of a school physician?

Voted to appropriate \$165 for this purpose.

Article 22. Will the town authorize the installation of a new heating system at the Town hall and raise or appropriate a sum of money for the same?

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 23. What action will the town take in regard to keeping the sidewalks in repair?

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 24. Will the town change the name of River street to Stetson road.

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 25. Will the town give any instructions to the town officers?

Voted to instruct the highway surveyors to use the waste material from the roads, which is usually given or thrown away, for making sidewalks.

Voted that the tree warden cause some of the trees that need it to be looked after.

Voted that the tree warden set out three rock maples around the common; that the soil be cut away in a circle eight feet in diameter and that he see that proper care be taken of them.

Voted to instruct the treasurer to pay no order drawn by the selectmen or school committee unless it shall clearly appear upon the face of said order the appropriation against which it shall be charged.

Voted to instruct the selectmen to publish a detailed statement showing the financial condition of the town, giving totals of liabilities and assets and balance for or against the town; to instruct the auditor to examine financial statement, and to certify, so far as possible, to the correctness thereof.

Voted to instruct the selectmen to prepare annually an estimate of expenditures and receipts for the ensuing year and that the same be incorporated in the town report, and that they make in connection therewith such recommendations as seem proper.

Article 26. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 to be expended in caring for the sidewalks and grounds around the Soldiers' monument, the care of Gaffield

park and the several triangles and grass plots in different parts of the town?

Voted to appropriate \$100 for this purpose and that this amount be properly spent.

Article 27. To choose all other officers and committees not already chosen.

Voted that the constables act as field drivers.

Voted that the selectmen act as fence viewers.

Cemetery committee George W. Curtis, Joseph H. Curtis, Alpheus Thomas.

Article 28. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to pay the town note due March 15, 1907?

Voted to appropriate \$1000 to pay above note.

Article 29. To fix the number of officers to be elected at the annual meeting in March 1908.

Voted that the number and terms of the town officers to be elected at that meeting be the same as this year, viz., a town clerk, three selectmen, three assessors, three overseers of the poor, a treasurer, a collector of taxes, an auditor, three highway surveyors, five constables and a tree-warden, all for one year. One member of the board of health and one member of the school committee for three years.

Article 30. Or act or do anything relative to the above

Voted to appropriate the following sums:

Abatement of taxes \$100.

Discount on taxes \$200.

Interest on town notes \$375.

Stone crusher \$250 less amount of street railway tax.

Town officers \$1,300.

Town hall account \$50.

Tree warden \$50.

Voted to raise by taxation \$14,000.

Voted that this amount be assessed on the polls and estates of residents and the estates of non-residents.

Voted that the secretary of the school committee receive \$50, the other members not over \$25 each.

Voted that the town treasurer be paid \$150.

Voted that the moderator be paid \$5 for services this day.

The two fish rights were sold at auction; the first being purchased by Ezra E. Stetson for \$3.50, the second by L. F. Hammond for \$4.

Voted that the meeting be dissolved.

JOSEPH F. MERRITT,
Town Clerk.

STATE ELECTION

Pursuant to a warrant duly executed the qualified voters of the town of Norwell met at the Town hall, Tuesday, November 5, 1907. Alpheus Thomas of the Board of Selectmen was the presiding officer. Ezra E. Stetson, John Whalen, Charles Scully and L. Frank Hammond being appointed election officers and ballot clerks were duly sworn as such by the town clerk. The polls were opened at 6 A. M. and and closed at 12 M. One hundred and twenty-two names were checked on the voting list and the same number of ballots were cast. On being canvassed and counted in open meeting they were found to be for the following persons :

GOVERNOR

| | |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Charles W. Bartlett, Anti-Merger | 10 |
| Thomas F. Brennan, Socialist Labor | 0 |
| John W. Brown, Socialist | 1 |
| Hervey S. Cowell, Prohibition | 1 |

| | |
|---|----|
| Curtis Guild, Jr., Republican | 91 |
| Thomas L. Hisgen, Independence League | 2 |
| Henry M. Whitney, Democratic | 12 |
| Henry M. Whitney, Independent Citizens' | 3 |
| Henry M. Whitney, Democratic Citizens' Nom. Paper | 1 |
| Blanks | 1 |

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

| | |
|---|----|
| G. Gerry Brown, Independent League | 6 |
| John T. Cahill, Anti-Merger | 2 |
| Eben S. Draper, Republican | 90 |
| Walter J. Hoar, Socialist Labor | 0 |
| Robert Lawrence, Socialist | 1 |
| Jonathan S. Lewis, Prohibition | 2 |
| George A. Schofield, Democratic Citizens' Nom. Paper, Democratic | 20 |
| Blanks | 1 |

SECRETARY

| | |
|--|----|
| Solon W. Bingham, Prohibition | 1 |
| Odilon Z. E. Charest, Democratic Citizens' Nom. Paper, Democratic | 12 |
| John Hall, Jr., Socialist | 3 |
| William M. Olin, Republican | 98 |
| Arthur E. Reimer, Socialist Labor | 0 |
| Dennis J. Ring, Independence League | 2 |
| Blanks | 6 |

TREASURER

| | |
|---|----|
| Albert Barnes, Socialist Labor | 0 |
| Edward J. Cantwell, Independence League | 1 |
| Arthur B. Chapin, Republican | 94 |
| William P. Connery, Anti-Merger | 1 |

| | |
|---|-----|
| Daniel F. Doherty, Democratic Citizens' Nom. Paper, Democratic | 15. |
| Charles C. Hitchcock, Socialist | 1 |
| Edward Kendall, Prohibition | 1 |
| Blanks | 9 |

AUDITOR

| | |
|---|----|
| Joao Claudino, Socialist Labor | 0 |
| Joseph A. Conry, Democratic Citizens' Nom. Paper, Democratic | 14 |
| Thomas E. Finnerty, Independence League | 2 |
| George G. Hall, Socialist | 1 |
| James F. Pease, Prohibition | 2 |
| Henry E. Turner, Republican | 93 |
| Blanks | 10 |

ATTORNEY-GENERAL

| | |
|--|----|
| Allen Coffin, Prohibition | 3 |
| Dana Malone, Republican | 92 |
| John McCarty, Socialist | 2 |
| James E. McConnell, Democratic | 14 |
| William N. Osgood, Independence League | 1 |
| Harvey H. Pratt, Anti-Merger | 4 |
| Gilbert G. Smith, Socialist Labor | 0 |
| Blanks | 6 |

COUNCILLOR—(FIRST DISTRICT)

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| George J. Alcott, Socialist | 2 |
| Charles O. Brightman, Republican | 95 |
| Edmund H. Cushing, Prohibition | 4 |
| Blanks | 21 |

SENATOR—(FIRST PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Orin L. Griswold, Prohibition | 3 |
| Benjamin F. Peterson, Democratic | 17 |
| Frank G. Wheatley, Republican | 96 |
| Blanks | 6 |

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
(SECOND PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)

| | |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Henry E. Damon, Democratic, | 20 |
| Joseph J. Shepherd, Republican | 98 |
| Blanks | 4 |

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—(PLYMOUTH)

| | |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Edward P. Boynton, Democratic | 35 |
| Thomas H. Dunn, Socialist | 1 |
| Walter H. Faunce, Republican | 77 |
| Madison W. Morey, Prohibition | 2 |
| Blanks | 7 |

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS—(PLYMOUTH)

| | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Francis Chamberlin, Prohibition | 3 |
| George B. Cushman, Socialist | 2 |
| Henry A. Harlow, Democratic | 13 |
| Israel H. Hatch, Prohibition | 5 |
| Martin Howland, Democratic | 10 |
| Joseph R. Smith, Socialist | 0 |
| Albert T. Sprague, Republican | 84 |
| Ezekiel R. Studley, Republican | 65 |
| Blanks | 62 |

DISTRICT ATTORNEY—(SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT)

| | |
|---|----|
| Thomas E. Grover, Democratic Republican | 99 |
| Blanks | 23 |

SHERIFF—(PLYMOUTH COUNTY)

| | |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Francis J. Burke, Socialist | 3 |
| Edward G. Knight, Prohibition | 1 |
| Henry S. Porter, Republican | 95 |
| William E. Supple, Democratic | 17 |
| Blanks | 6 |

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY
(PLYMOUTH COUNTY, TO FILL VACANCY)

| | |
|--|----|
| Sumner A. Chapman, Prohibition, Republican | 95 |
| Oliver Cushman, Democratic | 18 |
| Blanks | 9 |

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution authorizing the governor, with the consent of the council, to remove justices of the peace and notaries public be approved and ratified?

| | |
|--------|----|
| Yes | 57 |
| No | 15 |
| Blanks | 50 |

TOWN CLERKS' CONVENTION

At a meeting of the town clerks of the towns comprising the Second Plymouth Representative district, held at

Marshfield, November 14, 1907, the vote for representative throughout the district was found to be as follows :

| | Total | Damon | Shepherd | Blanks |
|------------|-------|-------|----------|--------|
| Duxbury | 198 | 41 | 133 | 24 |
| Marshfield | 152 | 13 | 122 | 17 |
| Pembroke | 110 | 19 | 79 | 12 |
| Norwell | 122 | 20 | 98 | 4 |
| Scituate | 235 | 66 | 144 | 25 |

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Whole number of ballots | 817 |
| Henry E. Damon, Democratic | 159 |
| Joseph J. Shepherd, Republican | 576 |
| Blanks | 82 |

Joseph J. Shepherd having a plurality of the votes cast was declared elected and his certificate made out in accordance therewith.

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| George H. Stearns | Town Clerk of Duxbury |
| George H. Wetherbee | Town Clerk of Marshfield |
| Leonard G. Ewell | Town Clerk of Pembroke |
| Joseph F. Merritt | Town Clerk of Norwell |
| Jetson Wade | Town Clerk of Scituate |

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, DECEMBER 14

Article 1. To choose a moderator.
Choose Alpheus Thomas moderator.

Article 2. Will the town appropriate the sum of \$600 to pay for repairs on River street or take any action in regard to the same ?

Voted to appropriate \$600 for repairs on River street.

Article 3. Will the town appropriate a sum of money for the suppression of gypsy and browntail moths?

Voted to appropriate \$349.23 for this purpose.

Article 4. Will the town vote to elect the selectmen and overseers of the poor for terms of one, two and three years.

Voted that at the annual meeting in March 1908 the town elect one selectman and overseer of the poor for three years, one for two years, and one for one year.

Voted to rescind so much of the vote taken March 4, 1907, as relates to terms of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor to be chosen in March 1908.

Article 5. Will the town rescind the vote passed at its annual town meeting in March 1907, whereby it was voted that the number of highway surveyors for 1908 be fixed at three?

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 6. Will the town accept the provisions of Section 81, Chapter 25 of the Revised Laws, and choose one highway surveyor in 1908?

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 7. Will the town give any instructions to town officers?

Voted that the treasurer be authorized to anticipate payment of note due in March 1908, if he considers that the funds in his possession will warrant his doing so.

Article 8. Or act or do anything relative to the above?

No action taken on this article.

Voted this the meeting be dissolved.

JOSEPH F. MERRITT
Town Clerk.

ENROLLED MILITIA

There were 244 men enrolled for military duty May 1, 1907.

REGISTERED VOTERS

At the close of registration October 26, 1907, there were 350 male and three female voters on the list.

DOGS LICENSED

Dog licenses issued during the year ending Dec. 1, 1907 :

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| 146 male dogs at \$2.00 | \$292 00 | |
| 24 female dogs at \$5.00 | 120 00 | |
| 1 special breeders' at \$25.00 | 25 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$437 00 |
| Less clerks' fees 171 licenses at 20c | | 34 20 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Amount turned over to county treasurer | | \$402 80 |

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN NORWELL DURING THE YEAR 1907

- March 2 At Providence, R. I., Herbert Francis Young of Norwell and Sabina Agatha Houghton of Marshfield, by Rev. Elliot F. Studley.
- April 17 At Pawtucket, R. I., John Henry Sparrell and Nellie Norton Litchfield, both of Norwell, by Rev. S. A. Ross.
- May 29 At Hanover, Arthur Lendell Pratt of Norwell and Josephine Hamilton of North Scituate, by Rev. E. E. Ventress.
- June 4 At Norwell, Albert Claude Hobart of Bayonne, N. J., and Florence Herbert Shurtleffe of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- June 22 At Norwell, Arthur Henry Churchill of Duxbury and Millie Gertrude Chamberlin of Norwell, by Rev. Joseph Dinzey.
- July 28 At Cohasset, Howard Cushing Torrey of Norwell and Fannie Baldwin Southworth of Boston, by Rev. Cecil Harper.
- August 12 At South Paris, Maine, Leon Samuel Fairbanks of Norwell and Lucilia Evangeline Crockett of South Paris, Maine, by Rev. J. Wallace Chesbro.
- November 4 At Providence, R. I., Charles Weston Harris of Norwell and Nora Mary Blanchard of Scituate, by W. B. Tanner, Justice Superior Court.
- November 18 At Cohasset, George Monahan and Rosie Cannon, both of Norwell, by Rev. Patrick H. Riley.
- December 24 At Scituate, Elwood Francis Ainslie of Norwell and Grace Maud Jenkins of Scituate, by Rev. Hartwell J. Bartlett.

December 31 At Norwell, Willard Gilbert Evans and Mabel Viola Ainslie, both of Norwell, by Rev. Chester Arthur Drummond.

December 31 At Hanover, Harold Ashton Bates of Rockland and Mary Eliza Tolman of Norwell, by Rev. Amasa C. Fay.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN NORWELL DURING THE YEAR 1907.

| DATE OF BIRTH | NAME OF CHILD | NAMES OF PARENTS | MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER |
|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| January 25 | Arelene Athlon Smith..... | Charles Henry and Josephine J..... | Barden |
| February 12 | Samuel Salmon Sylvester..... | Albert S. and Amy Winifred..... | Dinzey |
| 13 | Stillborn..... | John Freemont and Emily Drew..... | Delano |
| March 4 | Helen Elizabeth Osborne..... | William W. and Lottie..... | DeCoast |
| 27 | William Joseph Monahan..... | Ernest Henry and Ella..... | Harris |
| April 6 | Atton Russell Stoddard..... | Harry P. and Edna..... | Clapp |
| 11 | Lloyd Burton Henderson..... | Harry P. and Edna..... | Clapp |
| 11 | Lois Estelle Henderson..... | Clarence E. and Alice M..... | Bushen |
| 15 | Elwin Andrew Barnard..... | E. Clifford and Bernice M..... | Ainslie |
| 7 | Edgar Fordyce Bates..... | Henry and Plooma Geneva..... | Curtis |
| 12 | Harry Vernon McHugh..... | Arnold V. and Carrie..... | Turner |
| June 6 | George Arnold Beach..... | Robert S. and Margaret Louise..... | Slater |
| 2 | Robert Stewart Brown, Jr..... | Irving and Ella Day..... | Day |
| 5 | Dorris Nellie Gram..... | Perley R. F. and Harriet L..... | Buck |
| 12 | Corice Mae Bradbury..... | Herbert O. and Helen..... | Adams |
| 14 | Paul Vernon Collins..... | Henry and Martha Anne..... | Wentworth |
| August 1 | Howell..... | Antonio and Mary Louise..... | Gibeau |
| 8 | Irving Edmund St. Pierre..... | Harold and Effie..... | Calve |
| 10 | Annie Irene Osborne..... | George S. and Delia Agnes..... | Munnis |
| 12 | Mary Morton..... | Brenton and Addie E..... | Morrissey |
| 14 | Laura Berlada Griffin..... | William E. and Catherine..... | Burbank |
| 15 | Alice Elizabeth Sexton..... | Howard I. and Fanny G..... | Bates |
| 19 | Illegitimate..... | William C. and Georgiana..... | |
| September 30 | Dorothy Beatrice Bray..... | | |
| October 6 | William Garfield Hammond..... | | |
| 25 | Stillborn..... | | |

| | | | |
|----------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 27 | Bertha Louise Lincoln..... | I. Austin and Mabel..... | Pinkham |
| 31 | Florence Berkline Winslow..... | Edward and Eveline..... | Cromwell |
| November | Lois Jewett Capell..... | Fred and Olive..... | Jewett |
| 22 | Stillborn..... | John H. and Nellie N..... | Litchfield |
| 25 | Lucy Alathia Sparrell..... | Patrick and Ella..... | Pratt |
| December | Herman Franklin White..... | Bert Irving and Hattie..... | Whitcomb |
| 11 | Carlton Irving Richardson..... | | |
| 12 | | | |

The Town Clerk is prepared to furnish blanks for the returns required of physicians and parents, and all persons interested are requested to notify him of any errors or omissions in the list of births as printed, that they may be corrected and the records completed.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN NORWELL DURING THE YEAR 1907.

| DATE | NAME | AGE | | | CAUSE OF DEATH | BIRTHPLACE | PLACE OF DEATH |
|----------|---------------------------------|-----|----|----|--|------------------------|----------------|
| | | Y | M | D | | | |
| Jan 12 | Henrietta Curtis (Sylvester) .. | 60 | 8 | .. | Cerebral softening, cerebral thrombus | Scituate | Norwell |
| 15 | Mary Agnes Gardner..... | 22 | .. | .. | Pulmonary tuberculosis | South Scituate | Taunton |
| 28 | George L. Gardner..... | 52 | 8 | .. | Heart disease | Hanover | Norwell |
| 28 | Elbridge G. Gardner..... | 84 | 8 | .. | Valvular disease of heart | Hingham | Norwell |
| Feb. 7 | George H. Bates..... | 69 | 6 | .. | Obstruction of bowels | Scituate | Norwell |
| 11 | Helen L. Tolman (Fronch).... | 87 | 9 | .. | Senile gangrene, pneumonia | Hingham | Norwell |
| 22 | Mary C. Wood (Ellms)..... | 90 | 7 | .. | Softening of brain, bronchitis | Scituate | Norwell |
| March 2 | Charles David..... | 72 | .. | 19 | Paralysis, nephritis | New York | Norwell |
| 11 | Albert T. Winslow..... | 68 | .. | .. | Prostatic disease, chronic nephritis.. | Scituate | Norwell |
| 13 | Joshua B. Reed..... | 88 | 8 | 13 | Heart disease | N. Hampshire | Norwell |
| 14 | Willard Torrey..... | 73 | 5 | 19 | Arterio sclerosis, heart failure | Scituate | Newton |
| 17 | Hannah Dover (Spellman).... | 84 | 11 | 16 | Bronchitis, old age..... | Ireland | Norwell |
| 21 | James W. Smith..... | 82 | 1 | 4 | Lobar pneumonia | England | Norwell |
| 26 | Warren Fuller..... | 71 | 5 | 17 | Carcinoma of stomach | Watertown | Norwell |
| April 8 | Nancy S. Nichols (Sherman)... | 70 | 9 | .. | Organic heart disease | Marshfield | Norwell |
| 14 | Ellen Pratt (Edwards)..... | 62 | 9 | 17 | Senile dementia, bronchitis | Quincy | Norwell |
| 23 | Mary A. Studley (Stoddard) .. | 69 | 5 | 2 | Cerebritis, la grippe | Marshfield | Norwell |
| 23 | Benjamin W. Prouty | 78 | 9 | .. | Arterio sclerosis, heart disease | Scituate | Norwell |
| 24 | John A. Sawyer..... | 77 | 5 | 18 | Softening of brain | N. Hampshire | Norwell |
| 30 | Rosella Joseph..... | 89 | 1 | 12 | Pneumonia | Azores | Norwell |
| June 5 | Marion S. Farrar..... | 12 | 9 | 2 | Measles, acute bronchitis | Brookfield | Norwell |
| 18 | Ensign B. Damon..... | 77 | 6 | 16 | Cerebral hemorrhage, apoplexy | Scituate | Norwell |
| 29 | J. Frank Rhodes..... | 70 | 10 | 9 | Diabetes, coma and hemiplegia | New York | Norwell |
| 29 | Phæbe L. Turner (Humphrey) .. | 89 | 9 | 25 | Old age, nephritis | { N. Yarmouth Maine | Norwell |
| Sept. 20 | Ida Marie Soderberg..... | .. | 4 | 20 | Broncho-pneumonia | East Walpole | Norwell |
| Oct. 17 | Alfred L. Farrar..... | 61 | 7 | 17 | Pericarditis | Scituate | Norwell |

| | | | | | | | |
|------|----|------------------------------------|----|----|----|--|---------|
| Nov. | 25 | Stillborn | 91 | 10 | 6 | Senile dementia | Norwell |
| | 2 | Sarah Spear Rideout (Veazie) | 24 | 8 | | Valvular disease of heart, convulsions | Norwell |
| | 17 | Alfred L. Ainslie | | | | | Norwell |
| Dec. | 22 | Stillborn | 83 | 1 | 7 | Old age, apoplexy | Norwell |
| | 8 | Harriet C. Wilder (Chapman) | 70 | .. | .. | Acute enteritis, senile dementia | Taunton |
| | 9 | Alvin D. Vinal | .. | 5 | 18 | Pneumonia, influenza | Norwell |
| | 20 | Robert Stewart Brown, Jr. | | | | | |

Number of marriages, 12.

Number of births, 33.

Number of deaths, 32.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. MERRITT, Town Clerk.

Tax Collector's Report

Andrew J. Litchfield on account with the town of Norwell:

DR.

| | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| To outstanding taxes of 1906 | \$4,895 17 |
|------------------------------|------------|

CR.

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|---|------------|
| By cash paid treasurer | \$3,700 48 |
| By F. Torrey tax | 602 00 |
| By cash deposited with treasurer to relieve bondsmen | 595 69 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,898 17 |

DR.

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| To assessment of 1907 | \$14,648 95 |
| To excise tax of 1907 | 282 80 |
| To interest collected on taxes | 114 22 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$15,045 97 |

CR.

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|------------------------------|-------------|
| By cash paid treasurer | \$10,821 71 |
| By excise tax paid treasurer | 282 80 |

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| By interest on taxes paid treasurer | \$114 22 |
| By discount on taxes | 166 81 |
| By taxes outstanding | 3,660 43 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$15,045 97 |

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW J. LITCHFIELD
Collector.

1906 Taxes, Outstanding July 1907

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| C. A. Bates | \$27 40 |
| C. H. Bates | 2 00 |
| John T. Hatch | 4 50 |
| Harry J. Litchfield | 2 00 |
| G. W. H. Litchfield, assignee | 6 00 |
| W. Lincoln Heirs | 34 30 |
| L. Lincoln Heirs | 5 00 |
| Allen P. Merritt | 2 00 |
| Fred Mason | 2 00 |
| L. N. Osborne | 4 50 |
| Harry G. Pinson | 7 60 |
| Edwin Reeves | 2 00 |
| Hosea L. Stetson | 3 50 |
| T. J. Studley | 4 00 |
| William Studley, devisee | 42 50 |

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|------------------------|--------|
| C. W. Tilden | \$6 45 |
| Dora L. Wilder | 21 90 |
| D. Oscar Wagner | 4 50 |
| T. H. Walters | 35 80 |
| Percival G. Brown | 70 |
| Archius Hatch | 80 |
| Arthur Merritt | 6 00 |
| Charles H. Northey | 1 30 |
| George E. Reed | 8 00 |
| Walter S. Torrey Heirs | 1 00 |
| Freeman Vinal | 1 60 |
| Hatherly Ainslie | 2 50 |
| Mary H. Ainslie | 10 80 |
| Charles H. Baker | 3 30 |
| Edwin L. Berry | 2 00 |
| Stacy Benson | 2 00 |
| W. G. Collamore | 2 00 |
| John R. Collamore | 8 20 |
| Albion Damon | 12 20 |
| Frank E. Damon | 2 00 |
| Edwin A. Damon | 2 70 |
| James E. Cobbett | 2 00 |
| W. H. Farrar | 11 20 |
| Joshua Freeman | 17 30 |
| Brenton H. Griffin | 2 00 |
| W. P. Fessenden | 2 00 |
| John Gunderway | 2 80 |
| Charles F. Hammond | 2 00 |
| John H. Haward | 2 00 |
| Frank R. Kenyon | 2 00 |
| Oscar W. Lambert | 3 00 |
| Patrick McNiccol | 19 30 |
| Charles F. Marble | 2 00 |
| James L. Prouty | 12 00 |
| Carleton W. Pinson | 2 70 |
| Arthur J. Parr | 3 10 |

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|-------------------------|--------|
| Bessie E. Parr | \$9 50 |
| Gardner L. Prescott | 2 40 |
| Frank S. Staples | 3 20 |
| Jotham Salisbury | 2 00 |
| Gustavus Totman | 2 50 |
| Joseph F. Totman | 2 00 |
| Patrick L. White | 2 00 |
| Rufus Winslow | 3 30 |
| Louis B. Whiting | 2 00 |
| Samuel Ward | 3 20 |
| Edward E. Brewster | 2 00 |
| Bates & Lincoln | 1 50 |
| Alexander Blaisdell | 1 80 |
| John F. Caswell | 2 00 |
| Davis Cushing | 50 |
| C. S. Emerson | 50 |
| Gustavus Farrar Est. | 6 00 |
| Stephen O. Jacobs Est. | 1 00 |
| Enoch Johnson | 4 80 |
| Arthur Loring | 1 40 |
| Almira Lane | 12 80 |
| Levi Lincoln | 6 10 |
| Francis Merritt | 60 |
| Mary L. Skinner | 3 60 |
| Perez Simmons Est. | 14 40 |
| Fred W. Spicer | 40 |
| Mrs. Henry Wright Heirs | 1 00 |
| Jas. A. Appleford | 2 00 |
| Elizabeth E. Adams | 50 |
| W. B. Brooks Heirs | 1 50 |
| Lorenzo F. Cromwell | 2 00 |
| Wm. H. Carr | 48 20 |
| Geo. Chamberlain | 2 00 |
| Mrs. John Daggan Heirs | 5 00 |
| Alphonso Fortis | 2 00 |
| Henry T. Gunderway | 1 00 |

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|--------------------------|--------|
| Arthur F. Henderson | 16 36 |
| Edgar E. Lee | 2 00 |
| C. B. Macomber | 25 88 |
| James H. Patterson Heirs | 7 70 |
| Jas. W. Smith | 3 50 |
| Chas. H. Smith | 2 00 |
| A. C. Sylvester | 2 50 |
| C. W. Smith | 2 00 |
| Franklin Torrey | 602 00 |
| Jesse M. Winslow | 2 00 |
| Louis Biludenu | 50 |
| Sophia Turner | 10 |
| J. P. Merrill | 4 00 |

\$1,197 69

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Articles on hand Jan. 1, 1907 | \$297 25 |
| Charles E. Curtis | 293 00 |
| Samuel Olson, fish | 48 25 |
| William W. Cutler, meats | 38 27 |
| Corthell Bros., meats | 58 65 |
| George F. Welch, coal and supplies | 118 12 |
| Curtis & Bates, groceries | 138 62 |
| H. S. Turner & Co., groceries | 145 16 |
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, groceries | 218 08 |
| W. H. Spencer, pump and repairs | 63 87 |
| C. W. Tilden. blacksmithing | 7 87 |
| Seth Foster, hay | 21 30 |
| Hannah Randall, labor | 3 15 |
| Turner Bros., seeds | 2 15 |
| A. F. Lapham, shotes | 10 00 |
| Harry S. Merritt, stock and labor | 19 50 |
| John P. Henderson, wood | 24 50 |
| Levi N. Osborne, stock and labor | 6 50 |
| Sparrell Bros., ice | 11 10 |
| George H. Turner, fertilizer | 8 75 |
| Harry G. Pinson, plowing | 3 00 |
| H. T. Fogg, insurance | 38 40 |
| H. J. Little, M. D., attendance | 21 50 |
| Articles bought for cash | 9 32 |
| | <hr/> \$1,606 31 |

ALMSHOUSE RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Received from sale of milk and vegetables | \$115 92 | |
| Received for board of horse | 80 80 | |
| Due from Scituate, board of Edgar Fernald | 156 00 | |
| Due from Scituate, board of Benjamin Mann | 9 00 | |
| Due from sale of milk | 15 42 | |
| Due from sale of 1-2 hog | 12 80 | |
| Articles on hand Jan. 1, 1908 | 398 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$788 44 |
| Net cost of almshouse | | \$817 87 |
| Cost of each inmate per week | \$2 46 | |

ARTICLES ON HAND JAN. 1, 1908

| | | |
|-----------|---------|----------|
| Horse | \$40 00 | |
| Fowl | 40 00 | |
| Two cows | 70 00 | |
| Manure | 40 00 | |
| Hog | 40 00 | |
| Potatoes | 26 00 | |
| Mangles | 5 00 | |
| Carrots | 5 00 | |
| Wood | 54 00 | |
| Groceries | 6 00 | |
| Coal | 56 00 | |
| Pork | 12 00 | |
| Grain | 4 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$398 50 |

OUT DOOR POOR.

Alvin D. Vinal and Family.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| C. W. Stodder, M. D. | \$145 50 | |
| Cash | 15 00 | |
| C. W. and E. H. Sparrell, burial | 47 50 | |
| H. J. Little, M. D. | 1 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$209 50 |

Annie L. Winslow.

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| A. L. MacMillan, M. D. | \$17 50 |
|------------------------|---------|

Eben Leavitt.

| | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| H. S. Turner & Co., supplies | \$24 90 |
|------------------------------|---------|

Sarah A. Studley.

| | | |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Cash | \$24 00 | |
| H. J. Little, M. D. | 18 25 | |
| | <hr/> | \$42 25 |

James H. Costello and Family.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|----------|
| F. E. Henderson, wood | \$8 00 | |
| E. E. Stetson & Son, supplies | 68 60 | |
| Town of Hanover, medical aid | 66 25 | |
| Phillips, Bates & Co., coal | 8 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$150 85 |

John A. Sawyer.

| | | |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| John H. Knapp, nursing | \$99 00 | |
| H. J. Little, M. D. | 7 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$76 50 |

Benjamin Briggs and Family.

| | | |
|---|--------|----------|
| George F. Welch coal | \$3 75 | |
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies | 99 50 | |
| H. T. Fogg, Insurance | 1 30 | |
| South Scituate Savings Bank interest on Mortgage | 9 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$113 55 |

Mary A. Gardner.

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| John S. Brooks, supplies | \$52 00 | |
| H. J. Little, M. D. | 28 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$80 00 |

Mrs. Evelyn M. Loring

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Mrs. G. L. Gardner, nursing | \$26 25 | |
| Linscott & Bryant, supplies | 25 22 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$51 47 |

Mrs. Wallace Chappell

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| H. E. Fernald, M. D. | 7 00 |
|----------------------|------|

Alonzo C. Sylvester and Family

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|
| H. S. Turner & Co., supplies | \$4 00 | |
| E. E. Stetson & Son, supplies | 1 62 | |
| Curtis & Bates, supplies | 7 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$12 62 |

Lorenzo Cromwell and family.

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| H. J. Little, M. D. | \$13 50 |
|---------------------|---------|

Edward Winslow and family.

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| H. J. Little, M. D. | \$70 00 |
|---------------------|---------|

Emery Winslow.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Mrs. James Smith, board | \$3 50 | |
| James Smith, nursing | 13 00 | |
| E. E. Stetson & Son, supplies | 1 46 | |
| | <hr/> | \$17 96 |

E. E. Gunderway.

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies | \$53 00 |
|----------------------------------|---------|

Arthur Garfield Lincoln.

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Town of Rockland, aid | \$3 75 |
|-----------------------|--------|

AID TO PERSONS HAVING SETTLEMENT IN
OTHER TOWNS.

Josiah W. Chamberlain, Holbrook.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| A. L. MacMillan, M. D. | \$77 00 |
| Phillips, Bates & Co., coal | 29 99 |
| M. Little, supplies | 104 00 |
| Mrs. Israel Hatch, board of nurse | 5 00 |

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|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Mrs. Lizzie Williamson, nursing | \$18 00 | |
| H. J. Little, M. D. | 31 00 | |
| F. E. Henderson, wood | 6 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$270 99 |

John Prince, Rockland.

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| A. L. MacMillan, M. D. | \$7 50 |
|------------------------|--------|

Charles E. McPherson, Canton.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies | \$159 00 | |
| H. J. Little, M. D. | 2 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$161 00 |

Fred Wheelwright, Cohasset.

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Mass. Homœopathic Hospital | \$42 75 | |
| H. J. Little, M. D. | 5 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$47 75 |

Josephine Keene, Pembroke.

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| H. J. Little, M. D. | \$27 00 |
|---------------------|---------|

Benjamin Stetson, Scituate.

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| H. J. Little, M. D. | \$5 00 |
|---------------------|--------|

SUMMARY OF POOR ACCOUNT

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Total amount paid for out door poor | \$1,463 59 | |
| Net cost of almshouse | 817 87 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$2,281 46 |
| Due from other towns | | 519 24 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Net cost of poor | | \$1,772 22 |
| Appropriation | \$2,000 00 | |
| Balance | 227 78 | |

ALPHEUS THOMAS,
 EZRA E. STESTON,
 ERNEST H. SPARRELL,
 Overseers of the Poor.

Town Officers

| | |
|--|---------|
| Joseph F. Merritt, services town clerk | \$67 80 |
| Joseph F. Merritt, registrar of voters and recording | 25 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$92 80 |
| Horace T. Fogg, treasurer | 150 00 |
| Mary E. Curtis, school committee | 50 00 |
| Benjamin Loring, school committee | 25 00 |
| George C. Turner, school committee | 25 00 |
| Alpheus Thomas, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor | 188 00 |
| Ezra E. Stetson, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor | 152 61 |
| Ernest H. Sparrell, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor | 148 00 |
| Andrew J. Litchfield, collector | 225 00 |
| Andrew J. Litchfield, postage and stationery | 14 16 |
| Walter T. Osborne, constable | 59 30 |
| L. Frank Hammond, constable | 30 00 |
| J. Warren Foster, constable | 8 00 |
| J. Warren Foster, inspector of animals | 34 50 |
| Wm. H. Appleford, registrar of voters | 15 00 |
| Edward M. Sexton, registrar of voters | 15 00 |
| John H. Prouty, registrar voters | 15 00 |

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| Election Officers, Charles Scully | 6 00 | |
| L. Frank Hammond | 6 00 | |
| John Whalen | 6 00 | |
| Edward W. Gardner | 3 00 | |
| Clifton S. Deane | 3 00 | |
| Frank W. Jones, auditor | 20 00 | |
| Alpheus Damon, Inspector of provisions | 26 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$1,317 37 |
| Appropriation | \$1,300 00 | |
| Due from state—Inspection of animals | 17 25 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$1,317 25 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Exceeded | | \$ 12 |

State Aid Paid in 1907

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Peter Ainslie | \$60 00 |
| Charles D. Barnard | 72 00 |
| David Bassford | 72 00 |
| Amanda Bassford | 48 00 |
| Amanda Coleman | 48 00 |
| Abbie F. Coleman | 24 00 |
| Timothy B. Chapman | 60 00 |
| Josiah W. Chamberlin | 72 00 |
| Martha W. Curtis | 40 00 |
| Maria B. Damon | 48 00 |
| Ensign B. Damon | 36 00 |
| Lucy Damon | 40 00 |
| Hannah Dover | 2 00 |
| Frank Dyer | 48 00 |
| Charles David | 12 00 |
| Daniel R. Ewell | 72 00 |
| Warren Fuller | 18 00 |
| Hannah Fuller | 12 00 |
| Seth O. Fitts | 20 00 |
| Mathias French | 72 00 |
| Sarah Hatch | 48 00 |
| George A. Hatch | 60 00 |
| John H. Howard | 48 00 |
| Lebbeus Leach | 72 00 |
| Charles M. Leavitt | 48 00 |
| William H. Morse | 48 00 |

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|--------------------|-------|
| William O. Merritt | 60 00 |
| Diana Pierce | 48 00 |
| Benjamin B. Poole | 48 00 |
| Benjamin W. Prouty | 16 00 |
| Rebecca H. Totman | 48 00 |
| William H. Rand | 36 00 |
| David P. Robinson | 36 00 |
| Harriet Raymond | 48 00 |
| William E. Stone | 72 00 |
| Mary Shepherd | 48 00 |
| Edwin Studley | 72 00 |
| Albert T. Smith | 16 00 |
| John F. Totman | 72 00 |
| George O. Torrey | 72 00 |
| Susan A. Tolman | 48 00 |
| James H. Williams | 72 00 |
| Albert Winslow | 18 00 |
| John S. Whitney | 72 00 |
| Esther M. Young | 48 00 |

\$2,150 00

Approved by and due from the state.

Soldiers' Relief

Albert Winslow.

| | | |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| Mrs. George Lee, board | \$16 00 | |
| C. W. & E. H. Sparrell | 35 00 | |
| H. J. Little, M. D. | 3 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$54 00 |

David Bassford and Wife.

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| C. L. Howes, M. D. | \$348 50 |
|--------------------|----------|

Charles David.

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, burial | \$35 00 |
|--------------------------------|---------|

Albion Snowdale.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------|
| M. Little, supplies | \$5 00 | |
| Aid | 23 00 | |
| Phillips, Bates & Co., coal | 7 75 | |
| C. L. Howes, M. D. | 23 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$59 25 |

G. O. Torrey.

Aid

\$20 00

Benjamin Lee.

Town of Hanover, medical attendance

\$2 60

\$519 35

Snow Account

WEST WARD.

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Walter Simmons | \$53 81 |
| Joseph Briggs | 50 76 |
| William H. Farrar | 1 75 |
| A. J. Parr | 1 75 |
| William G. Collamore | 1 75 |
| Keene Bros. | 2 80 |
| Alpheus Thomas | 12 67 |
| Timothy Sheehan | 14 75 |
| Joseph Sharks | 2 50 |
| Alonzo Stoddard | 1 37 |
| Charles H. Baker | 2 12 |
| Benjamin Loring | 26 25 |
| D. Fred Bates | 9 00 |
| Patrick Gammons | 1 75 |
| Albion Damon | 1 12 |
| Alden Damon | 1 12 |
| Wallace H. Damon | 1 75 |
| Charles E. Brewster | 25 75 |
| Otto D. Burhoff | 1 26 |
| Charles H. Wilder | 5 10 |
| Henry L. Bates | 1 25 |
| Carlton Pinson | 2 87 |
| George A. Turner, snow plough | 14 75 |

\$237 99

EAST WARD.

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| E. P. Joseph | \$40 00 |
| Richardson Bros. | 17 50 |
| Albert Merritt | 75 |
| Richmond Litchfield | 1 75 |
| Carl Litchfield | 1 75 |
| Herbert Litchfield | 1 75 |
| Caleb Litchfield | 1 75 |
| Harry Brown | 1 75 |
| Edward Bates | 2 25 |
| Claude G. Ainslie | 1 50 |
| Carlton O. Litchfield | 9 00 |
| Fred W. Wheelwright | 2 25 |
| Davis Landry | 75 |
| Lyman Lincoln | 2 37 |
| Frank Burns | 2 00 |
| Charles H. Bates | 1 00 |
| Ernest L. Henderson | 2 00 |
| John E. Leslie | 2 00 |
| John Wilder | 1 75 |
| Jesse Reed | 2 00 |
| John Whalen | 4 00 |
| Alexander Black | 1 80 |
| Joseph W. Hatch | 2 25 |

 \$103 92

SOUTH WARD.

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| F. E. Henderson | \$47 25 |
| E. A. Jacobs | 63 50 |
| James Smith | 2 00 |
| Clarence Winslow | 1 13 |

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|----------------------|--------|
| Jesse Winslow | \$1 13 |
| James Winslow | 50 |
| Richard Winslow | 2 00 |
| Robert Smith | 2 00 |
| James Smith | 2 00 |
| William Latour | 2 00 |
| James Studley | 1 00 |
| Clifton Deane | 56 |
| Edgar Lee | 2 25 |
| George Lee | 2 25 |
| Joseph Collins | 2 25 |
| George Gerrish | 4 25 |
| Frank Studley | 4 25 |
| Edwin Torrey | 2 25 |
| William Magoun | 4 25 |
| Fred Cromwell | 2 25 |
| Frank Dyer | 25 |
| Edward Lehan | 2 25 |
| Alexander Black | 4 25 |
| Albert Osborn | 4 25 |
| Whitman Soule | 2 25 |
| Meddie Roberts | 2 25 |
| Frank Hammond | 8 00 |
| Harry Merritt | 1 50 |
| Lewis Merritt | 75 |
| Ernest Merritt | 1 50 |
| Jerome Wadsworth | 1 25 |
| Malcolm Howland | 75 |
| Lester Nash | 1 00 |
| John Napp | 1 00 |
| Charles E. Simmons | 1 00 |
| Theophilus Appleford | 4 38 |
| John Appleford | 2 76 |
| Everett Winslow | 1 50 |

Walter C. Barnard

\$1 50\$191 46

Total

\$533 37

Appropriation

\$250 00

Street Railway excise tax

282 80\$532 80

Exceeded

\$ 57

Report of Trustees

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE COFFIN POOR FUND.

Amount of fund \$2,000 00

Loaned on town note at 4 per cent.

In Savings Bank Jan. 1, 1907 \$79 66

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1907 81 16

Interest on bank book 1 58

Interest on note 80 00

\$242 40

Paid worthy poor \$136 00

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1908 25 16

In bank Jan. 1, 1908 76 24

Paid care cemetery lot 5 00

\$242 40

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
 OF THE
 TRUSTEES OF THE ABIGAIL T. OTIS
 CEMETERY AND TOMB FUNDS.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Amount of funds | \$1,500 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1907 | 305 03 | |
| Interest to Jan. 1, 1908 | 34 92 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$1,839 95 |
| | | |
| Paid for pump and cemetery repairs | 57 78 | |
| Care of lots and flowers | 30 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908 | 252 17 | |
| Amount of funds | 1,500 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$1,839 95 |

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
 OF THE
 TRUSTEES OF THE A. T. OTIS POOR FUND.

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Loaned on town note | \$1,300 00 | |
| In Savings Bank | 700 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Amount of fund | | \$2,000 00 |
| | | |
| On hand Jan. 1, 1907 | \$148 51 | |
| Interest on bank book | 16 10 | |
| Interest on town note | 52 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$216 61 |

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|----------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid worthy poor | \$60 00 | |
| In bank Jan. 1, 1908 | 96 35 | |
| Cash on hand | 60 26 | |
| | <hr/> | \$216 61 |

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE JOSSELYN CEMETERY FUND.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Amount of fund | \$200 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1907 | 51 62 | |
| Interest to Jan. 1, 1908 | 4 88 | |
| | <hr/> | \$256 50 |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908 | \$41 00 | |
| Paid for care and repairs of lot | 15 50 | |
| Amount of fund | 200 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$256 50 |

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE SAMUEL C. CUDWORTH
CEMETERY FUND.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Amount of fund | \$200 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 2. 1907 | 37 64 | |
| Interest on bank book | 4 74 | |
| | <hr/> | \$242 38 |

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------|----------|
| Paid for care of lot | \$4 00 | |
| Interest in bank | 38 38 | |
| Amount of fund | <u>200 00</u> | |
| | | \$242 38 |

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE PRUDENCE C. DELANO
CEMETERY FUND.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Amount of fund | \$300 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1907 | 100 49 | |
| Interest to Jan. 1, 1908 | <u>7 94</u> | |
| | | \$408 43 |
| Paid care and repairs of tomb | \$18 10 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908 | 90 33 | |
| Amount of fund | <u>300 00</u> | |
| | | \$408 43 |

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE NANCY C. HERSEY
CEMETERY FUND.

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Amount of fund | \$100 00 |
|----------------|----------|

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|----------------------------------|-------|
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1907 | 18 77 |
| Interest to Jan. 1, 1908 | 2 36 |

\$121 13

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Paid for care of lot | \$4 00 |
| Interest on deposit | 17 13 |
| Amount of fund | 100 00 |

\$121 13

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE BETSEY TOLMAN

CEMETERY FUND.

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Amount of fund | 100 00 |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1907 | 1 99 |
| Interest to Jan. 1, 1908 | 2 02 |

\$104 01

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Paid for care of lot | 4 00 |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908 | 01 |
| Amount of fund | 100 00 |

\$104 01

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE P. CLAPP
CEMETERY FUND.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Amount of fund | \$100 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1907 | 5 98 | |
| Interest on bank book | 2 10 | |
| | <hr/> | \$108 08 |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908 | \$ 08 | |
| Paid for care of lot | 8 00 | |
| Amount of fund | 100 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$108 08 |

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE MARY O. ROBBINS
CEMETERY FUND.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Amount of fund | \$200 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1907 | 16 35 | |
| Interest on bank book Jan. 1, 1908 | 4 32 | |
| | <hr/> | \$220 67 |
| Paid care of lot | \$6 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908 | 14 67 | |
| Amount of fund | 200 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$220 67 |

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE CHARLES H. MERRITT
CEMETERY FUND.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Amount of fund | \$50 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1907 | 2 39 | |
| Interest on bank book, Jan. 1, 1908 | 1 04 | |
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| | | \$53 43 |
| Paid for care of lot | \$2 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908 | 1 43 | |
| Amount of fund | 50 00 | |
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| | | \$53 43 |

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE JAMES W. SAMPSON
CEMETERY FUND.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Amount of fund | \$100 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1907 | 3 79 | |
| Interest on bank book Jan. 1, 1908 | 2 06 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$105 85 |
| Paid care of lot | \$3 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908 | 2 85 | |
| Amount of fund | 100 00 | |
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| | | \$105 85 |

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE ROBBINS TOMB FUND.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Amount of fund | \$100 00 | |
| Interest on deposit | 1 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$101 00 |
| In South Scituate Savings Bank | \$101 00 | |

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE DAVIS DAMON
CEMETERY FUND.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Amount of fund | \$100 00 | |
| Interest on deposit | 1 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$101 00 |
| In South Scituate Savings Banks | \$101 00 | |

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE SUSAN C. DAMON
CEMETERY FUND.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Amount of fund | \$100 00 | |
| Interest on deposit | 1 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$101 00 |
| In South Scituate Savings Bank | \$101 00 | |

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE H. BATES
CEMETERY FUND.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Amount of fund | \$100 00 |
| Deposited in South Scituate Savings Bank | \$100 00 |

Report of the Town Treasurer

The Town Treasurer submits herewith the report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

From Andrew J. Litchfield, collector of taxes

| | |
|--|------------|
| Real estate taxes, assessment of 1906 | \$3,547 33 |
| Personal estate taxes, assessment of 1906 | 312 84 |
| Poll taxes, assessment of 1906 | 436 00 |
| Real estate taxes, assessment of 1907 | 7,844 28 |
| Personal estate taxes, assessment of 1907 | 2,364 63 |
| Poll taxes, assessment of 1907 | 521 74 |
| Gypsy moth taxes, assessment of 1907 | 91 06 |
| Street railway excise tax, 1907 | 282 80 |
| Interest on overdue taxes | 114 22 |

\$15,514 90

From Arthur B. Chapin, state treasurer

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| Corporation tax | \$3,111 75 |
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|--------------------|----------|
| National bank tax | \$944 63 |
| Street railway tax | 178 71 |

\$4,235 09

From various sources as stated for general purposes

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Interest on bank balances | \$41 27 |
| Licenses, fish rights and sundries | 36 50 |
| Second district court fines | 106 95 |
| Sale of lots in cemetery | 58 00 |
| Superintendent of almshouse | 101 60 |

344 32

From various sources as stated for school purposes only

| | |
|--|----------|
| County of Plymouth net proceeds dog tax 1906 | \$346 76 |
| Town of Rockland, tuition | 76 00 |
| Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Massachusetts school fund, in- come | 1,227 50 |
| Tuition of children | 218 00 |
| High school tuition | 500 00 |
| Superintendent of schools | 416 66 |

2,784 92

Refunded from various sources as
stated for purposes as stated

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Town of Holbrook, aid to poor | \$169 25 |
| Town of Canton, aid to poor | 156 00 |
| Town of Pembroke, aid to poor | 141 66 |
| Town of Scituate, aid to poor | 160 00 |
| Town of Plymouth, aid to poor | 2 00 |
| Town of Hull, aid to poor | 14 00 |

642 91

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| State aid | \$2,401 00 |
| Inspector of animals | 15 75 |
| Adjutant General's department | 5 00 |

 \$2,421 75

County of Plymouth

| | |
|------------------------------|--------|
| River street, county lay-out | 400 00 |
|------------------------------|--------|

South Scituate savings bank loans in

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| anticipation of taxes of 1907 | 3,500 00 |
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|-------------------------------|----------|
| Cash on hand January 18, 1907 | 2,976 36 |
|-------------------------------|----------|

 \$32,820 25

PAYMENTS.

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Highway account, 1906 | \$267 25 |
| Highway account, 1907 | 3,371 30 |
| Union Bridge, 1906 | 83 67 |
| Union Bridge, 1907 | 143 61 |
| Public squares | 25 00 |
| Removing snow | 531 65 |

 \$4,422 48

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|-------------------------|----------|
| Almshouse account, 1906 | 27 50 |
| Almshouse account, 1907 | 1,168 16 |
| Outdoor poor, 1906 | 176 50 |
| Outdoor poor, 1907 | 1,461 83 |

 2,833 99

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|--|----------|------------|
| State aid, 1906 | \$9 00 | |
| State aid, 1907 | 2,146 00 | |
| Military aid and soldiers' relief | 443 75 | |
| Soldiers' burials | 70 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,668 75 |
| Support of schools | 8,585 37 | |
| State school fund | 292 07 | |
| | <hr/> | 8,877 44 |
| Town officer account, 1904 | 25 00 | |
| Town officer account, 1906 | 69 00 | |
| Town officer account, 1907 | 1,367 76 | |
| Police officers, Second District Court | 71 77 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,533 53 |
| Suppression of Gypsy moths | 1,255 16 | |
| Tree Warden account | 33 50 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,288 66 |
| Fire extinguishers | | 288 94 |
| Incidentals, 1905 | 7 50 | |
| Incidentals, 1906 | 91 17 | |
| Incidentals, 1907 | 492 56 | |
| | <hr/> | 591 23 |
| Post 112, G. A. R. | | 100 00 |

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|--------------------|----------|------------|
| Abatement of taxes | \$181 74 | |
| Scituate tax | 5 50 | |
| County tax | 1,285 96 | |
| State tax | 1,240 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,713 20 |

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|--|----------|----------|
| Notes and interest paid | | |
| Anticipation note, 1906 | 1,000 00 | |
| Interest on same | 29 52 | |
| Interest due Dec 30, 1906, on time note | 30 00 | |
| Time note due March, 1907 | 1,000 00 | |
| Interest on time loan, 1907 | 179 00 | |
| Interest on A. T. Otis poor fund note | 52 00 | |
| Interest on coffin fund note | 80 00 | |
| Anticipation notes, 1907 | 3,500 00 | |
| Interest on same | 84 55 | |
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| | | 5,955 07 |

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|-------------------|----------|-------------|
| Cash on hand | 1,301 98 | |
| State school fund | 244 98 | |
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| | | 1,546 96 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$32,820 25 |

HORACE T. FOGG,
Treasurer.

Taxes Abated

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Walter L. Boynton | \$2 00 |
| David H. Bates | 4 20 |
| Edward Bates | 2 00 |
| Henry Bates | 2 00 |
| Laban R. Bates | 2 00 |
| Benjamin Briggs | 15 50 |
| Fred Brooks | 2 00 |
| John Conley | 2 00 |
| Fred Griffin | 2 00 |
| George A. Hatch, soldier | 2 00 |
| George S. Hatch, taxed in Scituate | 10 00 |
| Eben Leavitt | 2 00 |
| Charles E. McPherson | 2 00 |
| Levi N. Osborne, soldier | 12 10 |
| Ansel D. Phillips | 2 00 |
| William E. Stone, soldier | 2 00 |
| Robert Brown | 3 40 |
| J. H. Bullard, overtaxed | 2 00 |
| James Dunbar | 2 00 |
| Fred Cobbett | 2 00 |
| Albert T. Winslow, soldier | 2 00 |
| Alonzo Tolman | 4 20 |
| J. Frank Rhodes, soldier | 20 00 |
| Charles D. Barnard, soldier | 2 00 |
| L. C. Sylvester | 10 |
| Alden Briggs | 10 |

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|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Melissa H. Cushing | \$ 10 |
| Anthony Collamore Estate | 10 |
| Robert E. Dwelley | 26 |
| Joshua Studley | 10 |
| Michael Sylvester heirs | 04 |
| Dana Smith heirs | 10 |
| Henry M. Stetson | 18 |
| Joseph F. Thompson | 10 |
| J. H. Whitman | 10 |
| Joshua Mann | 10 |
| Mrs. C. H. Merritt | 18 |
| Charles E. Nott | 18 |
| A. R. Phillips | 10 |
| Thomas M. Jordan | 2 00 |
| Charles H. Davis, taxed in Duxbury | 2 00 |
| Edward L. Farrar, taxed in Pittsfield | 2 00 |
| George L. Gardner | 2 00 |
| James Griffin | 2 00 |
| George W. Gerrish | 2 00 |
| Wm. C. Greene | 2 00 |
| Wm. H. Morse, soldier | 2 00 |
| Geo. S. Poole | 2 60 |
| Henry A. Pratt | 2 00 |
| Edwin R. Studley, soldier | 2 00 |
| Alva C. Tisdale, taxed in Maine | 2 00 |
| Webster A. Cushing, soldier | 20 00 |
| Edward A. Hatch | 4 00 |
| Mrs. Charles B. Hatch | 3 00 |
| George A. Jackman | 2 00 |
| John H. Prince | 6 00 |
| Wm. R. Smith heirs | 80 |
| Henry D. Smith, overtaxed | 1 00 |
| Albion Snowdale, soldier | 2 00 |
| Joseph Simoneau | 2 00 |
| Emery T. Winslow | 2 00 |

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|---------------------|----------|----------|
| John T. Hatch | \$2 50 | |
| Harry J. Litchfield | 4 00 | |
| Elizabeth T. Adams | 50 | |
| Sophia Turner | 10 | |
| Jotham Salisbury | 2 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$181 74 |
| Appropriation | \$100 00 | |
| Exceeded | | 81 74 |

Gypsy and Browntail Moth Report.

Third annual report of the gypsy and browntail moth⁴ commission, town of Norwell.

| | |
|---|---------|
| John H. Sparrell, labor | \$68 02 |
| John H. Sparrell, horse hire | 70 50 |
| John H. Sparrell, cash paid for labor and supplies | 42 99 |
| Albert Merritt, labor | 182 48 |
| Albert Merritt, horse hire | 79 00 |
| Ernest L. Merritt, labor | 56 00 |
| Ernest L. Merritt, horse hire | 1 50 |
| Fred Curtis, labor | 74 66 |
| John Whalen, labor | 23 23 |
| Walter J. Wagner, labor | 56 64 |
| Oscar Lambert, labor | 16 20 |
| Alexander Black, labor | 22 09 |
| Allen P. Merritt, labor | 11 21 |
| Edgar F. Poole, labor | 89 00 |
| Chas. H. Jones, labor | 56 86 |
| George A. Bates, labor | 53 95 |
| Hall & Torrey, supplies | 6 47 |
| Curtis & Bates, supplies | 1 51 |
| George F. Welch, cement | 2 75 |
| C. W. Tilden, filing saws and repairs | 1 20 |
| Ed. Gardner, filing saws and repairs | 3 00 |
| George H. Turner, filing saws and repairs | 85 |

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|--|---------|
| E. H. Sparrell, horse hire | \$10 50 |
| J. H. Lehan, extension ladder and freight on same | 10 50 |
| Joseph Breck & Sons, creosote | 1 50 |
| Phillips, Bates & Co., cement | 9 75 |
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies | 8 05 |
| C. W. H. Moulton, ladders | 5 59 |
| H. L. Frost & Co., supplies | 1 37 |
| William H. Claffin & Co., burlap and twine | 75 00 |

Total expenditure

\$1,042 37

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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Total amonnt charged property owners | \$195 26 |
| Town liability | 332 95 |
| Balance due from state | 514 16 |

J. H. SPARRELL,
Local Superintendent.

Town Incidentals

| | |
|--|---------|
| Town of Marshfield, repairs on Union bridge | \$83 67 |
| C. L. Howes, M. D., returning birth | 25 |
| Carter Ink Co., ink | 83 |
| Standard Publishing Co., ballots and reports | 116 00 |
| Joseph Parker & Co., book for treasurer | 2 00 |
| Mary E. Curtis, P. M., stamps | 16 09 |
| Carrie M. Ford, printing | 15 00 |
| J. F. Merritt, cash paid for expressing | 50 |
| E. A. Turner, telephone tolls | 5 90 |
| Allen Brothers, rubber stamps | 2 80 |
| E. H. Sparrell, cash paid for expressing | 2 50 |
| J. L. Fairbanks & Co., cash book for treasurer | 17 50 |
| Charles H. Baker, repairing pump Dist. 2 | 3 35 |
| Thomas Groom & Co., assessor's books | 4 00 |
| W. P. Boardman, M. D., returning birth | 25 |
| A. L. MacMillan, M. D., returning births 1906 and 1907 | 1 75 |
| A. W. Totman, expressing | 10 76 |
| E. H. Sparrell, cash paid for auto book | 1 00 |
| E. H. Sparrell, returning deaths | 6 50 |
| Charles Hammond, M. D., returning birth | 25 |
| Gilman Osgood, M. D., returning births | 50 |
| A. W. Brownell, printing | 2 70 |

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|---|--------|
| C. H. Colgate, M. D., returning births | \$ 50 |
| W. C. Soule, painting and labor Union bridge | 143 61 |
| Waterman & Leavitt, auto signs | 12 90 |
| Harry S. Merritt, auto sign posts | 19 56 |
| James Studley, setting auto signs | 1 00 |
| George H. Bates, setting auto signs | 2 67 |
| E. H. Sparrell, carting and cash paid setting auto signs | 3 50 |
| Frank Baker, burying horse of 1st Mass. cavalry | 5 00 |
| Eastern Drug Co., supplies for fire extin- guishers | 5 00 |
| Horace T. Fogg, postage | 10 56 |
| E. L. Slocomb, check book | 9 00 |
| Helen L. Fogg, rent of vault | 10 00 |
| Hall & Torrey, pump box | 1 10 |
| H. J. Little, returning births | 3 00 |
| Town of Pembroke, seeding ponds | 7 50 |
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, stationery | 8 66 |
| James Dunbar, High street fire | 1 50 |
| A. W. Thomas, services at fires | 2 00 |
| John T. Osborn, Henderson fire | \$ 75 |
| Dorothy Turner, Henderson fire | 50 |
| Samuel Turner, Henderson fire | 75 |
| Lawrence G. Turner, Henderson fire | 75 |
| Perry H. Osborne, Henderson fire | 50 |
| Humphrey Turner, Henderson fire | 50 |

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|--|--------|
| Henry Pritham, Prospect street fire | \$9 50 |
| Robert N. Leavitt, Prospect street fire | 9 00 |
| E. E. Jacobs, Prospect street fire | 16 00 |
| Alpheus Damon, Prospect street fire | 3 50 |

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|--|----|----|
| Gilbert Howard, Prospect street fire | 11 | 25 |
| Frank W. Jones, Prospect street fire | 11 | 50 |
| Carlton Pinson, Prospect street fire | 19 | 25 |
| Henry Studley, Prospect street fire | 2 | 50 |
| Charles H. Baker, Prospect street fire | 8 | 25 |
| Benjamin Loring, Prospect street fire | 10 | 00 |
| Edward F. Winslow, Prospect street fire | 18 | 50 |
| George A. Osborne, Prospect street fire | 4 | 00 |

 123 25

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|---------------|-----------|
| Total | \$668 16 |
| Appropriation | 400 00 |
| Exceeded | \$268 16- |

Highways

SOUTH WARD—FRANCIS E. HENDERSON.

| | |
|--|---------|
| F. E. Henderson, 22 days at \$2.50 | \$55 00 |
| Two men and 4 horses, 99 hours at \$1.00 | 99 00 |
| One man and 2 horses, 58 hours at 50c | 29 00 |
| One man and 3 horses, 9 hours at 66 2-3c | 6 00 |
| Two horses, 45 hours at 33 1-3c | 15 00 |
| One man, 47 hours at 20 | 9 40 |
| Joseph Briggs, man and 2 horses, 45 hours at 50c | 22 50 |
| E. A. Jacobs, man and 2 horses, 89 hours at 50c | 44 50 |
| W. D. Turner, two men and 4 horses, 45 hours at \$1.00 | 45 00 |
| W. O. Henderson, man and 2 horses, 54 hours at 50c | 27 00 |
| Frank Hammond, man and 2 horses, 67 hours at 50c | 33 50 |
| E. H. Sparrell, man and 2 horses, 45 hours at 50 | 22 50 |
| Frank Dyer, horse, 67 1-2 hours at 16 2-3 | 11 25 |
| Man and horse, 33 1-3 | 15 00 |

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|--|---------|
| T. Appleford, man and horse, 48 1-2 hours at 33 1-3 | \$16 00 |
| Henry T. Gunderway, horse, 6 days | 3 00 |
| James Studley, 106 1-2 hours at 20 | 21 30 |
| W. H. Carr, 45 hours at 20c | 9 00 |
| Frank Dyer, 76 1-2 hours at 20c | 15 30 |
| T. Appleford, 18 hours at 20c | 3 60 |
| Edwin Briggs, 45 hours at 20c | 9 00 |
| Edgar Lee, 9 hours at 20c | 1 80 |
| James Smith, 194 hours at 20c | 38 80 |
| Robert Smith, 127 1-2 hours at 20c | 25 50 |
| Chas. Smith, 85 hours at 20c | 17 00 |
| H. T. Gunderway, 196 hours at 20c | 39 20 |
| Richard Winslow, 122 hours at 20c | 24 40 |
| Chas. Simmons, 128 hours at 20c | 25 60 |
| John Knapp, 54 1-2 hours at 20c | 10 90 |
| Ralph Gardner, 50 hours, at 20c | 10 00 |
| Samuel Brown, 72 hours at 20c | 14 40 |
| Howard Packard, 44 hours at 20c | 8 80 |
| R. C. Henderson, 63 hours at 20c | 12 60 |
| Wallace Henderson, 40 1-2 hours at 20c | 8 10 |
| H. P. Henderson, 54 hours at 20c | 10 80 |
| Alonzo Sylvester, 54 hours at 20c | 10 80 |
| Walter Jacobs, 54 hours at 20c | 10 80 |
| H. D. Damon, engineer, 6 days | 18 00 |
| D. R. Ewell, labor | 2 00 |
| Frank Thomas, gravel | 15 00 |
| E. A. Jacobs, gravel | 4 80 |
| Gilbert West, gravel | 3 36 |
| E. E. Stetson, gravel | 1 08 |
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, shovels and picks | 11 20 |

\$836 79

EAST WARD—EMANUEL P. JOSEPH.

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|---|---------|
| E. P. Joseph, 15 days at \$2.50 | \$37 50 |
| Four horses and two men, 174 hours at \$1.00 | 174 00 |
| Two horses and man, 87 hours at 50c | 43 50 |
| Horse, 63 hours at 16 2-3c | 10 50 |
| Two men, 156 hours at 20c | 62 40 |
| Howard Delano, 36 hours at 20c | 7 20 |
| Amos H. Tilden, 73 1-2 hours at 20c | 14 70 |
| Alexander Black, 4 hours at 20c | 80 |
| Edward Jacobs, 39 hours at 20c | 7 20 |
| Walter Jacobs, 95 hours at 20c | 19 00 |
| Samuel Brown, 104 hours at 20c | 20 80 |
| Charles Bates, 27 hours at 20c | 5 40 |
| John Whalen, 171 1-2 hours at 20c | 34 30 |
| John Whalen, horse, 48 hours at 16 2-3 | 8 00 |
| Elwin Tilden, 135 hours at 20c | 27 00 |
| Frank Baker, 72 hours at 20c | 14 40 |
| Eben Leavitt, 41 hours at 20c | 8 20 |
| George H. Turner and two horses, 27 hours at 50c | 13 50 |
| Jesse Reed and two horses, 72 hours at 50c | 36 00 |
| J. M. Reed, 126 hours at 20c | 25 20 |
| Frank Burns, 82 hours at 20c | 16 40 |
| Charles Jones, 68 hours at 20c | 13 60 |
| Harry Henderson, 65 hours at 20c | 13 00 |
| Wallace Henderson, 68 hours at 20c | 13 60 |
| Edward Jacobs, engineer nine days, at \$2.25 | 20 25 |
| Ernest L. Henderson, 4 hours at 20c | 80 |
| Frank L. Thomas, 68 hours at 20c | 13 60 |
| John T. Hatch, 24 hours at 20c | 4 80 |
| Joseph Hatch and two horses, 60 hours at 50c | 30 00 |
| John Burns and two horses, 15 hours at 50c | 7 50 |

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| William O. Henderson and two horses, 6 hours at 50c | \$3 00 |
| William O. Henderson, 27 hours at 20c | 5 40 |
| John A. Evans and two horses, 18 hours at 50c | 9 00 |
| John Sparrell and two horses, 9 hours at 50c | 4 50 |
| Carleton O. Litchfield and two horses, 9 hours at 50c | 4 50 |
| Harry Ainslie, 18 hours at 20c | 3 60 |
| Harry L. Litchfield, 63 hours at 20c | 12 60 |
| Frank L. Thomas, gravel | 16 80 |
| John A. Evans, gravel | 2 70 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$765 25 |

WEST WARD.—JOSEPH BRIGGS.

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|---|----------|
| Joseph Briggs and team | \$158 57 |
| Benjamin Loring and 2 horses 142 hours at 50c | 71 00 |
| Wm. Lapham and horse, 44 hours at 33 1-3c | 14 67 |
| Chas. H. Wilder, 34 hours at 15c | 5 10 |
| Charles H. Wilder and horse, 53 hours at 33 1-3c | 17 66 |
| Joshua Freeman and 2 horses, 88 hours at 50c | 44 00 |
| Timothy Sheehan and horse, 72 hours at 33 1-3c | 24 00 |
| Timothy Sheehan, 64 hours at 20c | 12 80 |
| Walter Simmons and two horses, 64 hours at 50c | 32 00 |

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| William Farrar and two horses, 80 hours at 50c | \$40 00 |
| Charles E. Brewster and 2 horses, 72 hours at 50c | 36 00 |
| Daniel Barnes and horse, 16 hours at 33 1-3c | 5 33 |
| Daniel Barnes, 4 hours at 20c | 80 |
| Edwin C. Briggs, 45 hours at 20c | 9 00 |
| Alpheus Damon, 97 1-2 hours at 20c | 19 50 |
| Alden Damon, 203 hours at 20c | 40 60 |
| Albion Damon, 56 hours at 20c | 11 20 |
| Henry Studley, 180 1-2 hours at 20c | 36 10 |
| William Hayden, 44 1-2 hours at 20c | 8 90 |
| William F. Pratt, 27 hours at 20c | 5 40 |
| George H. Bates, 96 hours at 20c | 19 20 |
| Henry A. Pratt, 8 hours at 20c | 1 60 |
| J. J. Silva, 82 hours at 20c | 16 40 |
| Charles Curtis, 137 hours at 20c | 27 40 |
| Andrew Clapp, 8 hours at 20c | 1 60 |
| P. Schultz, 12 hours at 20c | 2 40 |
| C. Pinson, 9 hours at 20c | 1 80 |
| C. H. Baker, 76 hours at 20c | 15 20 |
| Wm. G. Collamore, 48 hours at 20c | 9 60 |
| A. J. Parr, 32 hours at 20c | 6 40 |
| Geo. Sylvester, 40 hours at 20c | 8 00 |
| Edward W. Gardner, smith work | 1 00 |
| Joseph Breck & Sons, Corp., tools | 10 76 |
| Mrs. Enoch Johnson, 63 loads gravel at 6c | 3 78 |
| Bela Jacobs estate, 111 loads gravel at 6c | 6 66 |
| Elisha Sprague, 30 loads gravel at 6c | 1 80 |
| Mary Farrar, 295 loads gravel at 6c | 17 70 |
| Wm. E. Wilder, 30 loads gravel at 6c | 1 80 |
| John Brown, 10 loads gravel at 6c | 60 |

\$746 33

GENERAL HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

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|-----------------------|---------|
| C. W. Tilden, Repairs | \$21 00 |
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SUMMARY OF HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS.

| | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| South Ward | \$836 79 | |
| East Ward | 765 25 | |
| West Ward | 746 33 | |
| General Account | 21 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$2,369 37 |
| Appropriation | \$2,500 00 | |
| | 2,639 37 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Unexpended | | \$130 63 |

RIVER STREET ROAD.

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|-----------------------------|----------|------------|
| Paid F. E. Henderson, agent | | \$1,003 95 |
| Received from county | \$400 00 | |
| Appropriation | 600 00 | |
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| | | \$1,000 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Exceeded | | \$3 95 |

STONE CRUSHER ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Good Roads Machine Co. | | \$20 50 |
| Appropriation | \$250 00 | |
| Unexpended | | \$229 50 |

Assessors' Report

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Value of buildings | \$468,605 00 |
| Value of land | <u>236,742 00</u> |
| | \$705,347 00 |
| Value of personal property | <u>167,722 00</u> |
| Total valuation, 1907 | \$873,069 00 |
| Total valuation, 1906 | <u>827,483 00</u> |
| Increase | \$45,586 00 |
| State tax | \$1,240 00 |
| County tax | 1,285 96 |
| Town tax | 14,000 00 |
| Number of polls assessed | 459 |
| Number of persons assessed | 877. |
| Number assessed poll tax only | 159. |
| Horses assessed | 339. |
| Cows assessed | 241. |
| Sheep assessed | 39. |
| Neat cattle, other than cows assessed | 17. |
| Swine assessed | 120. |
| Fowl assessed | 7733. |
| Dwelling houses assessed | 470. |
| Acres land assessed | 12,015. |
| Assessors' warrant to collector | \$14,648 95 |
| Street railway excise tax | 282 80 |

List of Jurors

List of persons qualified to serve as jurors to be presented to the town for acceptance or revision.

| | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Hebert S. Turner | Merchant |
| Robert C. Henderson | Shoe cutter |
| Charles Tolman | Retired |
| Amos H. Tilden | Poultry farmer |
| Carleton O. Litchfield | Farmer |
| John Whalen | Farmer |
| Joseph Briggs | Ice dealer |
| James L. Litchfield | Farmer |
| John H. Prouty | Real estate |
| Walter T. Osborn | Retired |
| Arnold V. Beach | Farmer |
| Lebbeus Leach | Retired |
| Asa W. Robinson | Shoeworker |
| Harrison Wilder | Retired |
| Charles D. Barnard | Retired |
| George H. Tisdale | Shoeworker |
| Alonzo B. Whiting | Clerk |
| Wilfred L. Chamberlin | Tacker |
| William O. Prouty | Carpenter |
| Fred A. Stoddard | Shoeworker |
| Clarence C. Hook | Painter |
| Alpheus Damon | Retired |
| Frank Vining | Shoeworker |
| Alpheus Lewis | Shoeworker |
| Fred H. Kidder | Upholsterer |
| Frank E. Studley | Shoeworker |
| Bert Richardson | Sawyer |

Miscellaneous

PARKS AND TRIANGLES ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|--|----------|---------|
| Appropriation | \$100 00 | |
| Paid Church Hill Improvement Association | 25 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Unexpended | | \$75 00 |

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS.

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$165 00 | |
| Paid H. J. Little | 4 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Unexpended | | \$161 00 |

FORE RIVER BRIDGE.

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|
| Henry D. Smith, witness | \$3 75 | |
| Joseph H. Curtis, witness | 3 75 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| No appropriation | | \$7 50 |

CEMETERY.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Appropriation | | \$75 00 |
| J. H. Curtis, labor and supplies | \$75 00 | |
| Received for sale of lots | \$58 00 | |

BOARD OF HEALTH.

| | | |
|--|--------|---------|
| C. S. Dean, services | \$2 00 | |
| J. Frank Gear, supplies | 15 00 | |
| H. J. Little, M. D., services and supplies | 23 05 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$40 05 |
| No appropriation | | |

TREE WARDEN.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Appropriation | | \$50 00 |
| J. H. Sparrell, trees and setting | \$28 00 | |
| J. F. Merritt, labor | 3 50 | |
| H. B. Merritt, labor | 2 00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$33 50 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Unexpended | | \$16 50 |

TOWN HALL.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Appropriation | | \$50 00 |
| L. F. Hammond, janitor | \$27 50 | |
| Harry S. Merritt, stock and labor | 1 75 | |
| Curtis & Bates, supplies | 70 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$29 95 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Unexpended | | \$20 05 |

Fire Extinguishers

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$300 00 |
| Knight and Thomas, 24 extinguishers | \$288 00 | |
| Charles E. Curtis, freight | 94 | |
| | | |
| | | 288 94 |
| | | |
| Unexpended | | \$11 06 |

LOCATION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

WEST WARD.

Alpheus W. Thomas, Charles W. Thomas, Clifford Brett,
Charles N. Gardner, Town Hall, Joseph Briggs, No. 1
School house, Curtis Bros., Benjamin Loring.

SOUTH WARD.

George E. Torrey, Frank Dyer, Joseph Tolman, Arthur
L. Toppan, William Tolman, William Appleford, Francis
E. Henderson.

EAST WARD.

Jesse Reed, Atwood L. Ford, John Whalen, A. J. Litch-
field & Son, Curtis & Bates, H. S. Turner & Co., Town
Farm, (two).

Financial Statement

LIABILITIES.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Notes in favor of South Scituate Savings | |
| Bank | \$3,500 00 |
| Note in favor of the Coffin fund | 2,000 00 |
| Note in favor of the Otis fund | 1,300 00 |
| Due other towns for support of poor (estimated) | 300 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$7,100 00 |

ASSETS.

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Due from State on account of Gypsy | |
| moths | \$514 16 |
| Due from state, state aid | 2,150 00 |
| Due from towns for aid to poor | 684 24 |
| Due from State, cattle inspection | 17 25 |
| Cash in hands of treasurer | 1,546 96 |
| Uncollected taxes | 3,600 63 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$8,513 24 |
| Balance in favor of town | \$1,413 24 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|--------------|----------|
| Taxes abated | \$181 74 |
| Highways | 2,369 37 |

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| River street | \$1,003 95 |
| Town hall | 20 05 |
| Parks and triangles | 25 00 |
| School physician | 4 00 |
| Fore River bridge | 7 50 |
| Cemetery | 75 00 |
| Board of health | 40 05 |
| Tree warden | 33 50 |
| Fire extinguishers | 288 94 |
| Stone crusher | 20 50 |
| Support of poor | 2,753 31 |
| Gypsy moths | 1,232 09 |
| Incidentals | 867 41 |
| Town officers | 1,317 37 |
| Soldiers' relief | 519 35 |
| State aid | 2,150 00 |
| Support of schools | 8,235 80 |
| Removing snow | 533 37 |
| Post No. 112 | 100 00 |
| Town note | 1,000 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$22,778 30 |

CREDITS.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Alms house | \$755 72 |
| State Aid | 2,150 00 |
| County, River street | 400 00 |
| Due from State, cattle inspection | 17 25 |
| Due from towns, poor account | 684 24 |
| Cemetery sale of lots | 58 00 |
| Due from State, Gypsy moth account | 514 16 |
| Schools, from State and other towns | 2,034 92 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$6,614 29 |

I have examined the accounts of the treasurer, selectmen, and collector and find them correctly cast and vouchers for all amounts paid.

FRANK W. JONES,
Auditor.

Norwell, Mass., Jan. 18, 1908.

Appropriations Recommended for

1908

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Support of Poor | \$2,000 00 |
| Incidentals | 500 00 |
| Support of Schools | 6,500 00 |
| Highways | 2,500 00 |
| Removing snow, St. Ry. excise tax and | 300 00 |
| Memorial Day | 100 00 |
| State Aid | 2,000 00 |
| Soldier's Relief | 300 00 |
| Town Officers | 1,300 00 |
| Washington St. Cemetery | 50 00 |
| Tree Warden | 50 00 |
| Board of Health | 50 00 |
| School Physician | 100 00 |

\$15,750 00

Transcript of Articles in the Warrant.

FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 2, 1908, AT

SEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Tax Collector and five Constables for one year; one Selectman, one Assessor, and one Overseer of the Poor for three years; one Selectman, one Assessor, and one Overseer of the Poor for two years; one Selectman, one Assessor and one Overseer of the Poor for one year; three Highway Surveyors and one Tree Warden for one year; one member of the Board of Health and one member of the School Committee for three years; and to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town for the ensuing year?" All on one ballot. Polls open from 7 A. M. to 11 A. M.

Art. 3. What amount of money will the town raise for the support of poor and incidental expenses?

Art. 4. What sum of money will the town raise for the support of schools?

Art. 5. What sum of money will the town raise for highway repairs?

Art. 6. What compensation will the town make for removing snow and appropriate money for the same?

Art. 7. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected the ensuing year?

Art. 8. Will the town accept the list of jurors prepared by the selectmen?

Art. 9. Will the town authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes?

Art. 10. To hear and act on the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

Art. 11. To make allowance to town creditors.

Art. 12. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial Day?

Art. 13. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the payment of state and military aid?

Art. 14. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the superintendent of schools?

Art. 15. What sum of money will the town raise for repairs on schoolhouses and incidentals?

Art. 16. Will the town cause a statement of their financial affairs to be printed in February next?

Art. 17. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the cemetery on Washington street?

Art. 18. Will the town cause a new valuation to be taken in 1908?

Art. 19. What price will the town pay for labor on the highways for the ensuing year?

Art. 20. Will the town appropriate a sum of money for the employment of a school physician?

Art. 21. What action will the town take in regard to keeping the sidewalks in repair?

Art. 22. Will the town give any instructions to the town officers?

Art. 23. What price will the town pay for work at fires for the ensuing year?

Art. 24. Or act or do anything relative to the above.

Citizens desiring additional articles in the warrant must present them to the selectmen on or before Feb. 17, 1908.

ALPHEUS THOMAS,
EZRA E. STETSON,
ERNEST H. SPARRELL,
Selectmen of Norwell.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF NORWELL

FOR THE YEAR 1907

School Report.

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORWELL:

In presenting you our annual report it may be necessary to reiterate statements oft heard before, but like all truths, they must still be spoken.

Dare we mention the old, old story of attendance? Yes, we must, for the attendance the past year has been far from satisfactory. We have been unfortunate in several respects one, in having a slight epidemic of scarlet fever while although but few were victims of the disease, yet the fear of it made many parents keep their children at home, also many cases of measles served to lower the per cent. of attendance and another school was broken up by whooping cough. At the annual town meeting a sum of money was appropriated for a school physician and Dr. H. J. Little was appointed to the position. We have found it necessary to consult him on several occasions and think the law requiring a school physician (which at first glance seems foolish) to be a very wise one. Should a child show symptoms of illness, the teacher has only to call the physician, and if he thinks it necessary, a team will at once be provided and the child taken home; this has been done twice during the year. But sickness is not the chief cause for the poor attendance, it really seems as though it were almost the indifference of the parents, not many children will voluntarily attend school regularly. Parents, you are the ones at fault. Let no slight excuse keep your children from school. "Oh, only for

a day," you say, "that is no harm." Yes it is a harm both to your child and to others in the class, you don't like it if the teacher refuses to show your child about the lost lessons and some other parent will object because the teacher has to take time to teach again the lesson of the day before. Out of 255 children, who attend school in this town, only two have not been absent for one year, only six for two terms and only fifty-two for one term. Can't we make a better report than this next year? Let us all work with a will along this line and see what united efforts can accomplish.

It is a fact which cannot be denied that children do not and can not appreciate the great advantages offered them by town and state alike, until it is too late, but certainly the parents are aware of what is being done for the young people now-a-days and often contrast their own school days with those of the present. Our barge system for the convenience of the children, has outlived the experimental stage and has come to stay, seeming to be the only way in which a scattered population such as is common in country towns can maintain their graded schools. And that our schools are well graded, is shown by the fact that children coming into them from neighboring towns, even of larger size than ours, are no farther advanced than are our children of the same age. By the barge system, our High school is enabled to stand No. 1 in the matter of attendance, pupils now attending who without the barges would be denied this great privilege.

In our teaching force, in the lower grade schools, but little change has taken place, only one teacher leaving us during the year. Miss Peterson, of Dist. No. 1 Primary, resigned to accept a position in Hanson at an increased salary. Miss A. Edith Varney, a Framingham Normal graduate is her successor. But in the High School we have not been so fortunate, although we have been able to keep with us our efficient principal, Mr. A. B. Lewis, who has been untiring in his efforts to make our High school the success

it has become. In the matter of assistants is where all our trouble comes ; it seems to us that we have only to engage a teacher and immediately someone else finds out what a prize we have, offers a much larger salary, and we find ourselves looking for another teacher. In the past year we had eight assistants, and we seemed powerless to prevent it.

For the excellence of our High school, which met the requirements of the State Board of Education, we were granted \$500, which is a sum given to towns of less than 500 families maintaining a High school when by law they are not required to do so. As this money is to be used exclusively in the High school, we are hoping to be able to keep a good assistant when we get one if a matter of dollars will help our cause. Our graduating class, although numbering but four members, made this year a memorable one in the history of the High school by taking a trip to Washington, D. C., thus setting an example which other classes are only too anxious to follow. Everybody seemed glad to assist them in earning the funds for the trip, believing it to be a most excellent scheme and a fitting climax to four years' work. Our Superintendent, Mr. C. A. Harris, has been, the past year, as heretofore a most capable helper. The law implies that the Supt.'s chief work is in the schools. He is there to inspect, advise and assist, and this Mr. Harris has done and much more. No task is too hard for him nor no school question so small but what he has been ever ready to aid your committee in every way. We have been obliged to advance the wages of our teachers, as we told you last year we must do and still if we had to employ strangers and not residents of the town we would have to pay more than now. An extract from the report of the Board of Education is as follows: "There are in the State 207 towns where the average annual income for teaching is less than \$400 ; 32 towns where the income is less than \$300. Certainly now in city and country schools alike the salaries are out of proportion to the demands."

Teaching instead of being as formerly a profession overcrowded, is now far from crowded. Young men and women starting out in life, decline to become teachers however much they might like to do so, as it is about impossible to earn enough during forty weeks to support one's self the rest of the year. In former years, if we needed a teacher, we had only to apply to a Boston agency and we could make a choice from five or six candidates but now we apply to five or six agencies and get one candidate. We desire to employ trained teachers, preferably Normal graduates and we have got to decide to pay enough to get such teachers. People say "It costs a good deal to get an education," but can we spend money to better advantage than in educating our children?

We want them to enjoy every opportunity that it is in our power to bestow, we want them taught to appreciate and make the most of the great chances offered them in our public schools and to crown all, we want them taught to be useful citizens having high ideals and making the most of life. Do not entrust all this to the teachers. Let it begin in the home.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN LORING,
GEORGE C. TURNER,
MARY E. CURTIS,
School Committee of Norwell.

Expenditures

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE APPROPRIATION.

For the winter term, 1907, but chargeable to the appropriation of 1906.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Albion B. Lewis | \$270 00 |
| Marion D. Ames | 90 00 |
| Sara M. Damon | 120 00 |
| Myrtle A. Ball | 12 50 |
| Lydia Wood | 40 00 |
| Martha C. Scully | 100 00 |
| Sara E. Peterson | 96 00 |
| Mrs. Julia A. Neeley | 132 00 |
| Marion G. Merritt | 96 00 |
| Eva S. Burns | 90 00 |
| Maria W. Tolman | 90 00 |
| A. Gertrude Jones | 35 00 |

\$1,171 50

SUPERVISION.

Charles A. Harris

\$150 00

TRANSPORTATION.

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Mrs. E. L. Loring | \$226 00 |
| John F. Osborne | 192 00 |
| L. F. Hammond | 168 00 |
| James L. Litchfield | 156 00 |

\$742 00

CARE OF ROOMS.

| | |
|---|---------|
| A. B. Lewis, High school | \$48 00 |
| Ralph G. Lambert, Dist. No. 1, | 10 00 |
| Edwin W. French, Dist. No. 5, | 10 00 |
| Frank L. Thomas, Dist. No. 6, | 10 00 |
| Frank L. Thomas, Dist. No. 6, (Fall term) | 4 00 |
| Wm. C. Tolman, Dist. No. 7, | 6 50 |

\$88 50

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE APPROPRIATION.

For Spring and Fall Terms, 1907.

| | |
|--|----------|
| Albion B. Lewis, principal High school | \$630 00 |
| W. Scott Osborne, first assistant High school | 5 00 |
| Louisa R. Holt, first assistant High school | 145 00 |
| Sarah M. Damon, second assistant High school | 120 00 |
| Marguerite E. Bowen, first assistant High school | 200 00 |

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|--|------------|
| Edna C. Cullis, second assistant High school | \$180 00 |
| Martha C. Scully, Dist. No. 1, grammar | 296 00 |
| Sara E. Peterson, Dist. No. 1, primary | 120 00 |
| A. Edith Varney, Dist. No. 1, primary | 160 00 |
| Mrs. Julia A. Neeley, Dist. No. 5, grammar | 336 00 |
| Marion G. Merritt, Dist. No. 5, primary | 280 00 |
| Eva S. Burns, Dist. No. 6, mixed | 268 00 |
| Maria W. Tolman, Dist. No. 7, primary | 268 00 |
| A. Gertrude Jones, drawing teacher | 90 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,098 00 |

CARE OF ROOMS.

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| A. B. Lewis, High school | \$48 00 |
| L. F. Hammond, High school | 80 00 |
| Ralph G. Lambert, Dist. No. 1 | 10 00 |
| Nelson P. Tisdale, Dist. No. 1 | 10 00 |
| E. W. French, Dist. No. 5 | 28 00 |
| Frank L. Thomas, Dist. No. 6 | 31 50 |
| Wm. C. Tolman, Dist. No. 7 | 15 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$222 50 |

FUEL AND FITTING.

| | |
|--|---------|
| Benj. Loring, wood, (as per contract) | \$25 00 |
| F. E. Henderson, wood, (as per contract) | 30 50 |
| Jesse Reed, wood, (as per contract) | 13 50 |
| C. A. Brett, coal, | 42 00 |
| W. D. Turner, wood and measuring wood | 4 50 |
| W. H. Briggs, labor on wood | 11 50 |

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|--|--------|----------|
| Geo. C. Turner, cash paid for sawing and housing wood | \$4 00 | |
| John Whalen, wood, moving, sawing and housing | 12 00 | |
| W. W. Loring, work on wood | 10 00 | |
| F. L. Temple, sawing wood | 5 00 | |
| Ralph G. Lambert, work on wood | 75 | |
| | <hr/> | \$158 75 |

SUPERINTENDENT.

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Received from State | \$250 00 | |
| Town appropriation | 250 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$500 00 |
| Paid C. A. Harris | | 370 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$130 00 |

TRANSPORTATION.

| | | |
|---|----------|------------|
| Mrs. E. L. Loring | \$504 00 | |
| John F. Osborne | 448 00 | |
| L. F. Hammond | 448 00 | |
| J. L. Litchfield | 392 00 | |
| George S. Hatch | 6 50 | |
| D. R. Ewell, transportation of sick chil- dren | 4 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,802 50 |

CLEANING SCHOOL HOUSES.

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Mrs. E. C. Jones, Dist. No. 1 | \$12 00 |
| Mrs. M. A. Osborne, Dist. No. 5 | 10 00 |

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|---------------------------------|--------|
| Mrs. H. E. Randall, Dist. No. 6 | \$6 00 |
| Mrs. E. L. Winslow, Bist. No. 7 | 6 00 |

\$34 00

HIGH SCHOOL FUND.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Unexpended balance from last year | \$37 05 |
| Received from State | 500 00 |

\$537 05

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|---------------------------|---------|
| L. E. Knott Apparatus Co, | \$98 07 |
| Silver, Burdett & Co. | 2 70 |
| American Book Co. | 44 78 |
| Ginn & Co. | 108 20 |
| E. E. Babb & Co. | 38 32 |

\$292 07

\$244 98

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

| | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| A. H. Osborne & Co. | \$2 40 |
| Samuel Ward Co. | 4 00 |
| Wadsworth, Howland Co. | 31 85 |
| Oliver Ditson Co. | 3 03 |
| W. E. Bonney | 3 60 |
| Houghton, Mifflin Co. | 3 98 |
| A. Gertrude Jones | 2 07 |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 4 50 |
| The Douglas-Crawford Co. | 7 87 |
| Silver, Burdette & Co. | 59 19 |
| American Book Co. | 17 03 |
| Ginn & Co. | 36 37 |
| E. E. Babb & Co. | 135 55 |

\$311 44

SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS.

| | |
|--|--------|
| J. B. Whitman, tuning piano | \$2 50 |
| A. B. Lewis, cash paid for expressing | 85 |
| C. A. Harris, postage, telephoning, car-fare, etc. | 31 52 |
| Randall's Exp. (1906 and 1907) Expressing | 20 69 |
| Myrtle A. Ball, expenses | 2 14 |
| Maria W. Tolman, key for No. 7 | 40 |
| Mary E. Curtis, postage and telephoning | 7 66 |
| J. Frank Turner, stock and labor | 11 25 |
| Harry S. Merritt, stock and labor at Nos. 5, 6 and High school | 38 83 |
| Carrie M. Ford, printing | 12 75 |
| Benj. Loring, supplies and cleaning funnel | 3 50 |
| W. H. Spencer, stoves, materials and labor | 92 17 |
| W. T. Osborn, truant officer | 1 50 |
| Geo. F. Welch, Lumber etc. | 12 02 |
| C. E. Simmons, labor at No. 7 | 75 |
| H. S. Turner & Co., mdse. | 2 00 |
| Curtis & Bates, mdse | 3 86 |
| Patrick McNicol, cleaning vaults | 8 00 |
| D. W. Ross, labor at school houses | 1 25 |
| W. W. Wade, tuning piano | 2 00 |
| Hall & Torrey, mdse. and labor | 20 15 |
| The Douglas Printing Co., printing | 1 58 |
| Levi N. Osborne, stock and labor | 9 00 |
| W. C. Soule, painting | 40 93 |
| Geo. C. Turner, telephoning and car fare | 1 93 |
| Harry Tucker, labor at Dist. No. 5 | 1 00 |
| Alexander Black, labor at Dist. No. 6 | 3 00 |
| A. B. Lewis, work on electric bells | 1 00 |
| F. E. Henderson, cleaning vaults | 2 00 |
| C. W. Tilden, repairs at No. 5 | 1 50 |
| S. W. Baker, repairing clock | 1 00 |

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|---|-------|
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, mdse. | 10 43 |
| J. H. Lehan, supplies and setting glass | 8 00 |
| F. L. Thomas, carting water | 1 00 |
| W. C. Tolman, repairs at No. 7 | 45 |

\$358 61

AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR PRESENT YEAR.

| | |
|--|------------|
| Town appropriation | \$6,225 00 |
| Dog tax | 346 76 |
| Town of Rockland, tuition | 76 00 |
| State Board of Charity | 218 00 |
| State school fund | 1,227 50 |
| Received from state on account of teachers' salaries | 166 66 |

\$8,259 92

Amount expended 5,985 80

\$2,274 12

Expenses to April (estimated) 2,100 00

\$174 12

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the School Committee and find vouchers for all amounts paid.

FRANK W. JONES,
Auditor.

Norwell, Mass., Jan. 18, 1908.

ABSTRACT FROM REGISTERS.

| SCHOOLS | WINTER TERM 1907 | | | | | | SPRING TERM 1907 | | | | | | FALL TERM 1907 | | | | | |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | Number Enrolled | Average Membership | Average Attendance | Per Cent. of Attendance | Number of Tardy Marks | Number of Visitors | Number Enrolled | Average Membership | Average Attendance | Per Cent. of Attendance | Number of Tardy Marks | Number of Visitors | Number Enrolled | Average Membership | Average Attendance | Per Cent. of Attendance | Number of Tardy Marks | Number of Visitors |
| No. 1 Primary | 48 | 45.69 | 38.58 | .84 | 26 | 16 | 54 | 45.05 | 36.35 | .87 | 20 | 14 | 49 | 46.44 | 43.83 | .94 | 1 | 13 |
| No. 1 Grammar | 18 | 17. | 15.46 | .89 | 12 | 9 | 18 | 15.46 | 12.36 | .79 | 13 | 11 | 24 | 23.6 | 22.04 | .93 | 1 | 14 |
| No. 5 Primary | 36 | 30.84 | 25.63 | .83 | 11 | 16 | 40 | 33.21 | 28.85 | .86 | 6 | 19 | 34 | 33.38 | 31.09 | .93 | 4 | 30 |
| No. 5 Grammar | 44 | 40.66 | 33.33 | .82 | 12 | 16 | 43 | 37. | 32. | .86 | 2 | 15 | 38 | 36.83 | 33.89 | .92 | 7 | 23 |
| No. 6 Mixed | 27 | 26.66 | 19.5 | .73 | 12 | 12 | 28 | 26.4 | 21.7 | .82 | 2 | 15 | 24 | 23.6 | 21.07 | .89 | 4 | 47 |
| No. 7 Primary | 18 | 17.92 | 14.97 | .83 | 3 | 12 | 17 | 14.48 | 12.4 | .85 | 0 | 6 | 19 | 16.72 | 15.46 | .92 | 11 | 11 |
| High School | 52 | 49.3 | 41.6 | .90 | 11 | | 47 | 47. | 41.73 | .88 | 4 | | 62 | 59.5 | 57.4 | .96 | | |

Norwell Public Schools.

PUPILS NOT ABSENT FOR ONE YEAR.

Mildred Mott

Emily Burns

NOT ABSENT FOR TWO TERMS.

Ethel M. Soule

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Lawrence Osborne

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Joseph Scharks

Harry Tucker

Francis H. Damon

Lillian F. Ford

Hazel D. Damon

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Sherwood Ainslie

Fred Olson

Howard Robinson

Sadie Black

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Superintendent's Report.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND CITIZENS OF NORWELL

I herewith submit for your consideration my third annual report.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

In addition to the regular reading lessons at school, pupils should read at home interesting, instructive and profitable books suggested by the teachers. At school the teacher should strive to secure good oral reading to be sure, but this does not involve a training in elocution. Elocutionary reading is an accomplishment, perhaps, but what persons need most is an extensive reading course that will have a broadening effect. Elocutionary reading may be very superficial and shallow in its scope, whereas well-directed extensive reading is unquestionably broadening. To read well and to acquire the habit of reading are by no means identical, and the latter is by far to be prized.

At home this reading for the most part is silent reading, and this being the kind in which almost all persons exclusively participate, should be encouraged to the utmost. In order to stimulate this reading books for supplementary reading at home might at intervals be purchased. The moral value of reading books that arouse the sympathies and result in right action is inestimable.

TEACHERS' MEETING.

One teachers' meeting was held in each town during the fall term. Subjects of the following nature were treated: Health of the pupil; care of school property; tidiness of room; pupils' failings; facts about the school register; teachers' mistakes; suggestions for the teacher's professional growth; morals and manners; pedagogy, including five formal steps, methods of testing knowledge, methods of calling on pupils, methods of instruction; numerous miscellaneous suggestions. An opportunity was given for discussion.

SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS.

The sight and hearing tests have been made by the teachers with the following results:

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| Number of pupils enrolled | 245 |
| Number defective in eyesight | 37 |
| Number defective in hearing | 12 |
| Number of parents or guardians notified | 46 |

FAULTY CURRICULA.

Courses of studies in many rural towns need revision. Much that is taught does not interest the pupil nor meet the demand of the times. We are devoting too much time to some subjects, and neglecting others that are of as much, if not more, value. For example, let us speak of two subjects that need, like an unruly boy, a judicious shaking up. It is almost farcical to spend our time on certain parts of arithmetic that are purely technical and conventional, add equally absurd to squander time on grammar as a purely technical subject. They both lack interest, and can be supplanted by something more utilitarian. By this I mean that to be well grounded in addition, subtraction, multiplication, division,

fractions, tables of money, weights and measures, percentage and simple interest suffices for the majority ; and to spend much time on involution, evolution, metric system, partial payments, ratio and proportion, and intricate and complicated puzzles in other parts of arithmetic is to deprive the boy or girl from acquiring something else of more interest and value.

Again, the value of grammar that requires the daily parsing of every word in the sentence, and the daily use of diagrams is much overestimated.

A popular delusion is, however, that if the course is to be enriched it must come within the scope of the High school.

To be sure we do need more modern ideas infused into our High school curricula of to-day. We must grant that pupils are pursuing the traditional trend, regardless of interest or commercial value of the subjects prescribed. It is much easier to go along the line of least resistance than otherwise. Pupils of High school age should have the opportunity to pursue courses that are of practical and vocational value as well as disciplinary and cultural. Discipline and power can be acquired, however, without the study of some of our traditional subjects, e. g., Greek and Latin. Greek should be forever relegated to the college, and Latin elected by only the few that can profit thereby. Too many almost waste their time by attempting to acquire a knowledge of these dead languages with no particular end in view. It is not that they have not gained anything by the study of the subject, but that they could have acquired considerably more had they spent their time on something else of more interest. A few pupils might profitably pursue the study of the classics, but I am speaking of the majority.

The schools are for all. To meet the needs of the majority does not suffice, and since we shall have pupils anxious to receive a classical training, we cannot wholly and permanently eradicate it from the course. We don't want to if there is a demand for it.

On the other hand, if the schools are for all, then we must have courses for those who do not care for some of the branches prescribed. I am hinting at the courses in manual training, vocational and industrial work. That these be placed in the curricula of today is a popular demand. Those parents whose boys and girls wish to pursue the above-mentioned courses have as much claim upon the townspeople for the maintenance of such courses as the others have for a course that is prescribed. They pay taxes which support in part the course that is given. As I have said the schools to meet the needs of the times are for all. Therefore a demand to meet the requirements of those desiring a business course or any other reasonable course is just.

I do not say that we can have a multitude of courses given at our High schools. We can't. But we are just as much under the obligation to those tax payers whose children wish other courses.

My point is this: If it is not advisable and expedient to install additional courses in our High school, the alternative is to pay the tuition of all those who wish to profit by a course more suitable and desirable in other schools where such instruction is given, provided such schools are approved by the school committee. Anything else, it seems to me is unjust.

Although I have voiced my opinion in favor of other courses for girls and boys of High school age, yet I believe that to place this work in the High school and neglect needed manual instruction throughout the lower grades is absolutely wrong and unfair. Should this be done, we would be depriving many who cannot go to the High school from the very training they need—even more than those who become High school graduates.

Pupils are obliged by law to attend school until they attain the age of 14. Up to that point, then, is the very time that we should train them in a very elementary way at first, but nevertheless train them in some manual or vocational

work, preferably the former. If we consider this work proper only as a culmination of High school work, it is, as it were, shingling the house before laying the foundation.

The work then ought to be placed in your grades below the High school. If we can afford to place it in all the schools, it is well. If, however, this cannot be done, the place to begin is at the bottom of the educational ladder.

I have unbounded confidence in and sympathy for the boy or girl who cannot enjoy High school privileges. He is the one to be helped first. The others from the very fact that they have had several more years more schooling should be all the more capable and prepared to shift for themselves if circumstances compel.

In the primary and grammar schools we should have paper-folding, card board construction, elementary and advanced knife work, weaving sewing, elementary woodwork, courses in elementary agriculture, etc.

The drift and gist of my argument is briefly this: Our courses need revision by the elimination of some subjects and the substitution of others. A business course in the High school is all right, but if the town can't afford to give corresponding courses in the lower grades at the same time, the place to begin is in the lower grades in order to ensure the instruction of all before attaining the age of fourteen.

SUGGESTION.

At the Ridge Hill primary school we have an enrolment of 47, far too many for one teacher. In fact this number is too large for even a school of the upper grades, therefore, much more so for a school made up of children of the first four grades. Something should be done at once in order to get the desired results. This school ought to be divided by giving the first two grades to one teacher and grades three and four to another. This arrangement would not only be admirable, but effective. Better work would necessarily be the resultant.

Since there isn't the requisite room in the building unless the upper room be also used for a primary school, the building at Ridge Hill should be devoted exclusively to the first four grades, with the first two down stairs, and the third and fourth up stairs.

The question that naturally follows is—Where are we going to put the pupils of the grammar school? To this I reply that since the conveyance of the pupils is the policy of the town, why not carry it one step further and thereby make an almost ideal condition.

The grammar school pupils, who now occupy the upper room of the Ridge Hill building may be transported, to No. 2, now closed, and at the same time transport the grammar school pupils at No. 5 to No. 2, putting grades five and six on one floor and seven and eight on the other. The result would be that each teacher will have two grades instead of four, and again material advance will be made. Somewhat more inconvenient to some, perhaps, but the pupils will be the gainers. By the adoption of this plan so much more work could be done by both grammar teachers and pupils; then pupils could enter the High school directly from the eighth year, thereby doing away with the ninth grade, and thus affording an opportunity to enlarge the scope of the High school.

The next question that arises is: Are we going to leave No. 5 upper room vacant? By no means. The whole building will then be used for the primary scholars, grades one and two on one floor, and grades three and four on the other. Each school will be rather small to be sure, but No. 6 may be permanently closed, and the pupils here who are members of the first four grades may be properly distributed at No. 5.

What have we gained by these steps. Much. We have all the schools mentioned made up of only two grades, an excellent and great improvement. Before this we had four grades per teacher. Each pupil would then get twice as much time from the teacher as under the present arrangement.

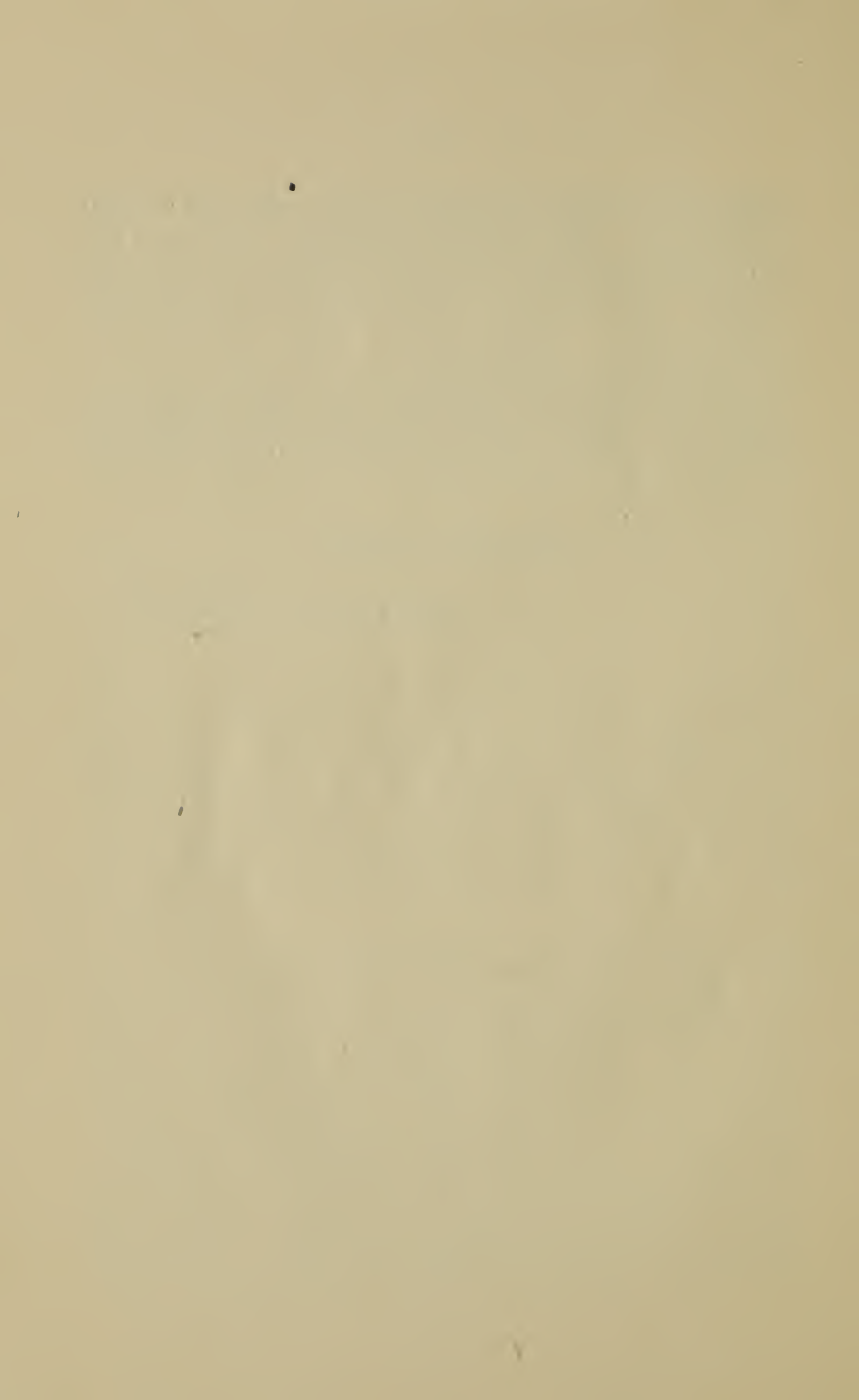
Your schools ought to be equal to any in the state by that classification. Isn't it worth considering? We are not trying to lessen the work of the teacher merely, but are trying to make conditions such that the pupils will be the gainers.

The number of teachers would remain the same, one building opened, another closed.

In conclusion I wish to extend to the teachers and committee my profound appreciation for their suggestions, loyalty and support, and to the citizens for their co-operation in every phase of school work.

Respectfully submitted,

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